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PREFACE.

The General Annual Report on the British Army forms a consolidation of various returns which it has hitherto been the custom to issue at uncertain and varying periods. Under the system now adopted it will be possible to publish the information earlier in the year, and those interested in the various branches of the Army will be able to obtain all the information they require from one book.

The pressure of war has prevented the publication of the General Annual Return for the years 1899, 1900, and 1901. Units engaged in active service could not supply the information required, nor, considering the manner which in many cases they were divided up, would the information have been accurate. Certain gaps will, therefore, be found in this Report. These will, as regards future years, be filled up in subsequent issues.

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PART I.—ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH OF THE ARMY, ARMY RESERVE, MILITIA, YEOMANRY, AND VOLUNTEERS FOR THE YEAR 1902.

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PART I.—TABLE 1. ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH OF THE ARMY, ARMY RESERVE, MILITIA, IMPERIAL YEOMANRY, AND VOLUNTEERS FOR THE YEAR 1902.

—	Date.	All Ranks.			
		Normal Establishment.	Actual Strength.	Wanting to complete.	Supernumerary.
Army. Regular Forces, Regimental Establishment	1st Jan., 1903	284,378	324,653*	—	40,275*
General and Departmental Staff and Miscellaneous Establishments ..	1st Jan., 1903	2,400	2,400	—	—
Army Reserve, Class I. ..	1st Jan., 1903	80,000	32,865	47,135	—
Militia	1st Jan., 1903	131,737	108,568	23,169	—
Militia Reserve (New) ..	1st Jan., 1903	50,000	—†	50,000	—
Channel Islands and Colonial Militia ..	1st Jan., 1903	6,002	5,068	934	—
Yeomanry at Home ..	1st Jan., 1903	35,164	22,942	12,222	—
Volunteers	1st Jan., 1903	346,450	250,990	95,460	—
Bermuda Rifle Volunteers	1st Jan., 1903	319	233	86	—
	General Total	936,450	747,719	188,731	
‡Militia Reserve (included with Militia).. ..	1st Jan., 1903 ..	—	9,780	—	9,780

* Parliament in 1902 sanctioned 200,300 excess numbers.

† Not formed on 1st January, 1903.

‡ This is the old Militia Reserve, which is gradually dying out.

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PART II.—STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION.

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TABLE 1.—STRENGTH and ESTABLISHMENTS of the Regular Army *by arms* on the first day of each Quarter, 1902.

—		Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Imperial Yeomanry.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	R.E.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Colonial Corps.	A.S.C.	R.A.M.C.	A.O.C.	Other Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	Totals.
1st Jan.	Officers ..	73	845	780	1,079	888	1,029	304	5,515	675	401	1,008	275	—	10	12,882
	Other Ranks	1,477	30,836	15,950	34,989	24,248	13,821	14,320	212,451	18,856	8,158	6,091	2,340	747	516	384,800
1st April	Officers ..	77	871	952	1,139	870	1,057	309	5,484	679	423	1,001	277	—	10	13,149
	Other Ranks	1,481	31,328	20,574	35,283	24,240	14,127	14,387	213,341	18,794	8,261	6,349	2,410	773	556	392,404
1st July	Officers ..	77	922	900	1,130	872	1,055	260	5,417	701	425	996	286	—	8	13,049
	Other Ranks	1,466	31,149	18,278	33,368	22,295	13,651	13,692	203,350	19,265	8,515	6,373	2,430	811	553	375,196
1st Oct.	Officers ..	76	905	279	1,162	902	1,058	313	5,328	553	432	981	284	—	8	12,281
	Other Ranks	1,429	30,522	5,407	33,317	22,367	13,116	11,566	184,205	16,097	8,252	5,757	2,409	826	546	335,816
Establishment	Officers ..	72	743	—	1,113	945	1,028	299	4,726	387	490	948	278	—	—	11,029
	Other Ranks	1,218	17,873	—	29,605	22,152	9,433	8,792	159,213	12,450	6,621	3,045	2,197	750	—	273,349

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TABLE 2.—STRENGTH, according to the latest returns received on the 1st January in each year from 1894 to 1903, showing the number in each Arm of the Service.

Year.	All Ranks.																	Year.
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Imperial Yeomanry.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Infantry Royal Reserve Regiments.*	Colonial Corps and Indian† Infantry.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Corps of Armourers.	Army Pay Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	All Arms.	
1st Jan., 1894	1,315	18,143	—	3,811	33,324	7,376	6,033	137,036	—	5,111	3,573	2,509	849	317	—	—	219,400	1st Jan., 1894
1895	1,318	18,356	—	3,891	33,315	7,591	5,918	138,897	—	5,042	3,479	2,563	862	307	552	—	222,151	1895
1896	1,296	18,245	—	3,815	33,631	7,718	5,916	138,631	—	5,131	3,486	2,595	1,170	—	560	—	222,194	1896
1897	1,315	18,406	—	3,898	33,115	7,829	5,851	136,965	—	5,331	3,581	2,699	1,306	—	573	—	220,869	1897
1898	1,317	17,721	—	3,642	33,968	7,792	6,591	136,163	—	5,666	3,599	2,651	1,316	—	577	—	221,003	1898
1899	1,298	18,102	—	3,620	35,803	7,975	7,249	141,332	—	7,242	3,599	3,651	1,388	—	592	—	231,851	1899
1900	1,327	22,672	—	26,639	22,815	10,534	12,008	183,299	—	8,778	5,730	5,021	1,932	—	619	170	301,544	1900
1901	1,602	31,042	9,354	35,167	25,899	13,932	14,160	221,872	18,301	31,571	8,187	6,647	2,399	—	655	385	421,173	1901
1902	1,550	31,681	16,730	36,068	25,136	14,850	14,624	217,966	—	19,531	8,559	7,099	2,615	—	747	526	397,682	1902
1903	1,490	29,297	1,610	34,959	23,174	13,757	9,966	176,580	—	15,503	8,443	6,020	2,638	—	854	362	324,653	1903

* Disbanded in 1901. † The Indian Troops are borrowed from India for garrison and expeditionary purposes.

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TABLE 3.—The ESTABLISHMENTS and STRENGTH of the Army, and the numbers wanted to complete or supernumerary to the Establishments in each year from 1894 to 1903.

Year.	Establishments, Army Estimates.			Strength.			Supernumerary to Establishment, All Ranks.	Wanting to complete Establishment, All Ranks.
	Officers.	Other Ranks.	Total.	Officers.	Other Ranks.	Total.		
1st January, 1894 ..	7,960	209,490	217,450	7,677	211,723	219,400	1,950	—
„ 1895 ..	7,950	211,374	219,324	7,694	214,457	222,151	2,827	—
„ 1896 ..	7,956	211,461	219,417	7,756	214,438	222,194	2,777	—
„ 1897 ..	8,039	212,234	220,273	7,721	213,148	220,869	596	—
„ 1898 ..	8,342	219,323	227,665	7,689	213,314	221,003	—	6,662
„ 1899 ..	8,628	235,928	244,556	8,537	223,314	231,851	—	12,705
„ 1900 ..	9,269	240,197	249,466	9,318	292,226	301,544	52,078	—
„ 1901 ..	10,646	266,690	277,336	13,410	407,763	421,173	143,837	—
„ 1902 ..	10,939	273,490	284,429	12,882	384,800	397,682	113,253	—
„ 1903 ..	11,029	273,349	284,378	12,000	312,653	324,653	40,275	—

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TABLE 4.—INCREASE AND DECREASE OF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN OF EACH ARM OF THE SERVICE DURING 1902.

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TABLE 4.—INCREASE and DECREASE of NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Imperial Yeomanry.	Royal Artillery. Horse and Field	Royal Artillery. Garrison.	Royal Engineers.
Effectives on the 1st Jan., 1902	1,472	30,774	15,950	34,947	24,152	13,680
INCREASE.						
Recruits joined. Long service	149	127	—	169	164	98
Short service 1 year ..	—	—	7,035	62	—	163
Short service 3 years ..	—	4,138	—	6,270	2,556	1,035
Short service 7 years ..	—	1,913	—	2,092	762	440
Re-enlisted For one year	—	—	204	—	—	—
Re-enlisted A.O. 106 of 1900 ..	—	11	—	70	17	9
Re-enlisted A.O. 59 of 1901 ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Colonial Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—
	149	6,189	7,239	8,663	3,449	1,745
Joined from desertion	11	366	—	526	152	41
From Army Reserve	—	38	—	46	31	1
From Militia Reserve	—	—	—	31	130	6
Other causes	16	587	—	—	—	45
Total increase.. ..	176	7,180	7,239	9,266	3,812	1,838
DECREASE.						
Died	5	385	365	314	230	111
Discharged. After 21 years' service ..	18	51	—	85	110	127
Prematurely, after 18 years' service under Royal Warrant, 25th June, 1881	1	15	—	35	16	10
On completing 1st Period..	27	2,064	—	3,473	775	640
As invalids	60	1,108	—	844	440	201
By purchase	54	577	—	534	153	144
Under Section 81, Army Act of 1881	4	326	—	201	36	41
Free, under Royal Warrant for pay, &c.—						
Article 1142 (ii.). ..	—	60	—	58	44	5
Article 1142 (iii.). ..	7	52	—	88	20	14
Not likely to become efficient soldiers	4	196	—	321	150	34
On conviction of making a false answer on attestation	—	20	—	167	43	7
For misconduct	14	346	—	631	350	38
Miscellaneous	13	163	20,801	173	20	223
	202	4,978	20,801	6,610	2,157	1,484
Struck off as deserters	25	1,323	6	1,222	378	107
To Army Reserve On completion of service	—	749	—	1,009	1,895	670
To Army Reserve On conversion of service	—	22	—	28	26	26
To Army Reserve Relegated	1	27	—	3	20	—
To Army Reserve On demobilisation ..	—	2,163	—	1,180	991	548
To Militia Reserve	—	—	—	—	—	—
To Militia, Yeomanry, and Volunteers	11	43	—	5	9	14
Given up as deserters	—	10	—	22	4	—
Other causes	—	—	549	48	91	—
Total decrease ..	244	9,700	21,721	10,441	5,801	2,960
Net increase	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net decrease	68	2,520	14,482	1,175	1,989	1,122
Effectives on the 1st Jan., 1903	1,404	28,254	1,468	33,772	22,163	12,558

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Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Colonial Corps.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	Army Post Office Corps	All Arms.
14,302	212,079	18,847	7,878	5,985	2,175	705	516	383,462
59	896	—	167	10	55	—	—	1,894
—	2,449	—	611	213	—	—	40	10,573
1,548	21,228	—	1,129	847	191	—	—	38,942
227	4,270	—	—	122	91	—	—	9,917
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	204
3	195	—	15	16	—	—	—	336
—	2,250	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,250
—	—	924	—	—	—	—	—	924
1,837	31,288	924	1,922	1,208	337	—	40	65,040
79	1,576	12	57	21	10	—	—	2,851
—	859	—	38	36	6	1	—	1,253
30	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	23
—	—	—	89	42	43	153	—	975
1,946	33,746	936	2,106	1,307	396	154	40	70,142
72	2,144	94	76	71	24	5	—	3,896
20	371	48	30	26	18	13	—	917
9	164	1	4	2	3	3	—	263
1,098	22,041	438	481	295	34	4	3	31,373
673	4,835	318	146	193	48	3	—	8,869
163	1,217	28	67	76	53	8	—	3,074
92	516	4	10	14	—	—	—	1,244
6	187	2	2	3	1	2	—	370
23	239	1	11	6	1	—	—	462
104	731	58	27	22	11	—	—	1,658
8	79	1	4	—	3	—	—	332
144	1,128	83	93	57	19	—	—	2,903
32	5,039	639	117	1,158	49	—	198	28,625
2,372	36,547	1,621	992	1,852	240	33	201	80,090
235	3,496	167	124	69	9	1	—	7,162
2,049	11,328	58	648	318	49	8	—	18,781
6	194	24	29	—	—	—	—	355
1	78	—	4	—	2	—	—	137
1,829	10,452	—	386	6	4	—	—	17,559
—	7,053	—	—	—	—	—	—	7,053
3	594	—	—	—	—	—	—	679
2	48	—	2	—	1	—	—	89
58	2,775	2,896	—	—	—	—	—	6,417
6,627	74,709	4,860	2,261	2,316	330	47	201	142,218
—	—	—	—	—	66	107	—	—
4,681	40,963	3,924	155	1,009	—	—	161	72,076
9,621	171,116	14,923	7,723	4,976	2,241	812	355	311,386

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TABLE 5.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the NON-COMMISSIONED

Year.	Effectives on 1st January in each year.	Increase.					
		Recruits joined.	From Desertion.	From Army Reserve.	From Militia Reserve.	Other causes.	Total Increase.
1st Jan., 1893	209,283	35,195	2,101	46	—	—	37,342
1894	210,863	33,698	1,833	50	—	290	35,871
1895	213,555	29,583	1,656	43	—	—	31,282
1896	213,531	28,532	1,538	57	—	—	30,127
1897	212,231	35,015	1,594	68	—	—	36,677
1898	212,393	40,729	1,789	4,578	—	—	47,096
1899	222,373	42,700	2,022	55,662	2,137	82	102,603
1900	290,914	98,361*	2,438	18,717	11,437	21,845†	152,798
1901	406,443	75,651‡	2,689	1,188	1	517	80,046
1902	383,462	65,040§	2,851	1,253	23	975	70,142

* Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 10,242; City of London Imperial Volunteers, 1,664; and men re-enlisted under Army Order 48 and other one-year men, 36,673; Army Order 106 of 1900, 522.

† Chiefly caused by Indian Native troops brought on British Establishment.

‡ Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 17,252; other one-year men, 6,776; Army Order 106 of 1900, 532; Army Order 59 of 1901, 4,052.

§ Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 7,239: other one-year men, 3,548; Army Order 106 of 1900, 336; Army Order 59 of 1901, 2,250.

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STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION.

OFFICERS and MEN reported during each year from 1893 to 1902 inclusive.

Year.	Decrease.									Nett Increase.	Nett Decrease	Effectives on 31st Dec. in each year.
	Died.	Discharged.	Deserted.	To Army Reserve.	To Militia Reserve.	To Militia, Yeomanry, and Volunteers.	Given up as Deserters.	Other causes.	Total Decrease.			
1st Jan., 1893	1,730	10,944	4,827	17,258	—	683	76	244	35,762	1,580	—	210,863
1894	1,792	10,480	3,958	16,229	—	644	76	—	33,179	2,692	—	213,555
1895	1,774	10,496	3,453	14,594	—	659	69	261	31,306	—	24	213,531
1896	1,769	11,396	3,357	13,941	—	684	60	220	31,427	—	1,300	212,231
1897	2,067	12,966	3,669	16,702	—	694	48	369	36,515	162	—	212,393
1898	2,578	12,983	4,107	16,245	—	664	66	473	37,116	9,980	—	222,373
1899	2,457	12,605	4,501	12,904	—	560	55	977	34,062	68,541	—	290,914
1900	10,153	15,169	6,378	3,055*	—	1,211	112	1,191	37,269	115,529	—	406,443
1901	5,969	†70823	7,686	801	2,486	883	108	14268‡	103,027	—	22,981	383,462
1902	3,896	§80090	7,162	36,832	7,053	679	89	6,417‡	142,218	—	72,076	311,386

* Includes 2,869 men of Volunteer Waiting Companies (Army Order 29 of 1900).

† Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 9,342; Infantry Royal Reserve Regiments, 17,918; also Volunteers and other one-year men.

§ Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 20,801; also Volunteers and other one-year men.

‡ Chiefly caused by reduction of Indian troops on British Establishment.

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TABLE 6.—DISTRIBUTION of the Army, according to the latest returns received on the 1st January, 1903, showing the Strength and Establishment of each Arm of the Service.

	ALL RANKS.														
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Imperial Yeomanry.	Royal Artillery.		Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Colonial Corps and Indian Infantry.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps and Dept.	Army Pay Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	All Arms.
				Horse and Field Artillery.	Garrison.										
AT HOME:—															
England and Wales	1,490	10,663	1,610	17,235	8,356	8,057	9,966	48,257	—	4,997	2,469	940	401	333	114,774
Jersey	—	—	—	—	78	6	—	624	—	2	3	5	1	—	719
Guernsey and Alderney	—	—	—	—	162	9	—	917	—	4	2	5	3	—	1,102
Scotland	—	1,055	—	271	470	105	—	7,842	—	23	33	23	48	—	9,880
Ireland	—	3,936	—	4,863	759	631	—	15,380	—	988	164	152	90	—	26,963
Total	1,490	15,654	1,610	22,369	9,825	8,808	9,966	73,020	—	6,014	2,671	1,135	543	333	153,438
IN THE COLONIES, EGYPT, CHINA AND CRETE (including Drafts on passage out)	—	8,468	—	2,943	8,049	4,635	—	48,710	15,503	2,429	3,011	1,387	311	29	95,475
EAST INDIES (including Drafts on passage out):—															
Punjab	—	1,670	—	1,983	1,538	—	—	14,021	—	—	—	29	—	—	19,241
Bengal	—	1,843	—	3,283	1,357	—	—	19,093	—	—	—	26	—	—	25,602
Madras	—	1,227	—	1,971	526	—	—	10,475	—	—	—	20	—	—	14,219
Bombay	—	435	—	2,348	1,697	—	—	11,261	—	—	—	41	—	—	15,782
Royal Artillery Staff unposted, &c.	—	—	—	62	182	314	—	—	—	—	338	—	—	—	896
Total	—	5,175	—	9,647	5,300	314	—	54,850	—	—	338	116	—	—	75,740
General Total at Home and Abroad	1,490	29,297	1,610	34,959	23,174	13,757	9,966	176,580	15,503	8,443	6,020	2,638	854	362	324,653
Establishment	1,290	18,616	—	30,718	23,097	10,461	9,091	163,939	12,837	7,111	3,993	2,475	750	—	284,378

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TABLE 7.—DISTRIBUTION OF THE UNITS OF EACH ARM OF THE SERVICE ON THE 1ST JANUARY, 1903.

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TABLE 7.—DISTRIBUTION of the Units of each Arm of the Service on the 1st January, 1903.

	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.		Royal Artillery.								Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.		Colonial Corps and Indian Infantry.				Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.
				Horse.		Field.		Mountain.		Garrison.						R.A.	R.E.	Infantry.				
	Regiments.	Regiments.	Depôts.	Service Batts.	Depôt Batts.	Service Batts.	Depôt Batts.	Service Batts.	Depôt Batts.	Service Cos.	Depôt Cos.	Troop Dvsns. Comps.	Batts.	Battalions.	Regtl. Depôts.	Comps.	Comps.	Batts.	Depôts.	Comps.	Comps.	Comps.
AT HOME:—																						
England	3	4	3	13	2	63	5	—	1	30	6	53	10	25	51	—	—	—	—	39	17	8
Jersey	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Guernsey and Alderney ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scotland	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	3	—	3	10	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Ireland	—	2	—	2	—	27	1	—	—	4	—	6	—	11	8	—	—	—	—	11	4	3
Total ...	3	7*	3	15	2	90	7	—	1	38	6	62	10	41†	69	—	—	—	—	50	22	11
EAST INDIES:—																						
Punjab	—	3	—	4	—	8	—	5	—	7	—	1	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bengal	—	3	—	3	—	16	—	—	—	9	—		—	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Madras	—	2	—	2	—	9	—	—	—	4	—		—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bombay ...	—	1	—	2	—	12	—	3	—	9	—		—	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	—	9	—	11	—	45	—	8	—	29	—	1	—	51	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* Exclusive of Six Provisional Regiments.

† Exclusive of Eight Provisional Battalions.

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IN THE COLONIES, &c:—																						
Egypt	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Crete	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4 Cos.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barbados, &c. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	5 Cos.	—	1	¼	½	—	—	—	—
Jamaica, &c. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	3 Cos.	—	1	1½	½	1	—	—	—
Dominion of Canada ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3½	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bermuda ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3	—	2	—	—	—	⅔	—	—	—	—
Malta	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	3	—	7⅜	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	1
Gibraltar ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	4	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Cyprus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 Co.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
South Africa ...	—	11	—	2	—	15	—	2	—	2	—	13	—	45¾	—	—	—	—	—	22	34	9
St. Helena ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2 Cos.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
West Africa ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	¼	2¼	—	—	—	—
Mauritius ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—
Ceylon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1½	—	2	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	—
China and Hong Kong	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3§	—	2	—	1	—	4	1	4	—	—	—	1
Straits Settlements	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1½	—	—	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—
On passage ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Total ...	—	12	—	2	—	16	—	—	—	33§	—	37½	—	69		18	5	13	1	22	34	13
General Total at Home and Abroad	3	28*	3	28	2	151	7	10	1	105§	6	100½	10	161	69	13	5	13	1	72	56	24
				30		158		11		111												

* Exclusive of Six Provisional Regiments. § Excluding Legation Guard.

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PART III.—REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF RECRUITING ON RECRUITING AND CASUALTIES.*

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PART III.—REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF RECRUITING ON RECRUITING AND CASUALTIES.

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Table 1.—Showing Recruits medically inspected, the numbers found fit for the service, the numbers which actually joined, how they were raised, the countries which furnished them, the terms of enlistment, for each quarter 1902.

Quarters ended.	Recruiting Report.					How Raised.														Where Raised.			Terms of Enlistment.		
	Medically Inspected.	Rejected.		Finally Approved.	Joined Unit.	Head-Quarters of Regiment.	Regimental Districts.					Artillery Agencies.	Engineer Agencies.	Recruiting Districts.					Joined Units.	England.	Scotland.	Ireland.	*Long Service.	*Short Service.	Total.
		Medically.	By Approving Officer.				Paid Recruiters.	Special Paid Recruiters.	Paid Pensioners.	Ordinary Recruiters.	Total.			Paid Recruiters.	Special Paid Recruiters.	Paid Pensioners.	Ordinary Recruiters.	Total.							
Quarter ended 31st March ...	25,330	5,513	6,397	13,420	13,420	290	1,433	460	1,771	4,215	7,879	349	26	935	752	1,814	1,375	4,876	13,420	10,413	1,569	1,438	—	—	13,420
30th June ...	19,920	4,586	5,026	10,308	10,308	624	913	360	1,311	2,884	5,468	359	31	553	578	1,683	1,012	3,826	10,308	7,948	1,312	1,048	—	—	10,308
30th September	26,451	6,172	6,229	14,050	14,050	558	1,275	433	2,308	3,572	7,618	453	21	708	564	2,683	1,445	5,400	14,050	11,819	1,206	1,025	—	—	14,050
31st December	29,070	6,639	7,354	15,077	15,077	464	1,522	523	2,197	4,340	8,582	461	34	909	590	2,342	1,695	5,536	15,077	12,258	1,397	1,422	—	—	15,077
Total	100,771	22 910	25,006	52,855	52,855	1,936	5,143	1,806	7,587	15,011	29,547	1,622	112	3,105	2,484	8,522	5,527	19,638	52,855	42,438	5,484	4,933	—	—	52,855

N.B.—A number of one year recruits are included in these figures.
* Cannot be separated this year.

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RECRUITING AND CASUALTIES.

TABLE 2.—Showing the NUMBER of RECRUITS raised for the Regular Army and for the Militia by agencies under the orders of the Officer Commanding each Regimental District, Militia and Volunteer Artillery District, Engineer District, and Recruiting District, during the year 1902, also the number of men serving in the Territorial Regiment on the 1st January, 1903, who were born in the Regimental District.

Regimental District.	Head-quarters of District.	Regular Army.			Militia.	Number in territorial regiment on 1st Jan., 1903 born in the Regimental District.*
		For the territorial regiment of the district.	For other corps.	Total.		
ENGLAND.						
2nd Regtl. Dist.	Guildford	166	266	432	139	
3rd ,,	Canterbury	151	327	478	175	
4th ,,	Lancaster	58	204	262	133	
5th ,,	Newcastle-on-Tyne ...	146	329	475	347	
6th ,,	Warwick	267	162	429	151	
7th ,,	Hounslow	222	240	462	216	
8th ,,	Warrington	116	122	238	207	
9th ,,	Norwich	305	237	562	434	
10th ,,	Lincoln	122	192	314	323	
11th ,,	Exeter	233	133	366	275	
12th ,,	Bury St. Edmunds ...	271	506	777	486	
13th ,,	Taunton	121	311	432	262	
14th ,,	York	65	185	258	161	
15th ,,	Beverley	74	240	310	211	
16th ,,	Bedford	124	255	379	415	
17th ,,	Leicester...	236	310	546	412	
19th ,,	Richmond, Yorkshire	92	136	228	225	
20th ,,	Bury, Lancashire ...	344	321	665	598	
22nd ,,	Chester	204	719	923	519	
23rd ,,	Wrexham	58	46	104	212	
24th ,,	Brecon	184	284	468	567	
28th ,,	Bristol	215	574	789	528	
29th ,,	Worcester	394	186	580	293	
30th ,,	Preston	172	627	799	1,153	
31st ,,	Kingston-on-Thames...	54	121	175	110	
32nd ,,	Bodmin	14	51	65	170	
33rd ,,	Halifax	170	659	829	909	
34th ,,	Carlisle	96	154	250	200	
35th ,,	Chichester	196	468	664	434	
37th ,,	Winchester	212	800	1,012	656	
38th ,,	Lichfield	200	226	426	517	
39th ,,	Dorchester	112	226	338	129	
40th ,,	Warrington	90	205	295	324	
41st ,,	Cardiff	366	1,319	1,685	1,700	
43rd ,,	Oxford	82	172	254	201	
44th ,,	Warley	235	351	586	263	
45th ,,	Derby	212	542	754	534	
47th ,,	Preston	134	634	768	670	
48th ,,	Northampton	121	287	408	439	
49th ,,	Reading	150	233	383	187	
50th ,,	Maidstone	142	231	373	83	
51st ,,	Pontefract	121	208	329	392	
53rd ,,	Shrewsbury	100	158	258	166	
57th ,,	Hounslow	165	184	349	156	
62nd ,,	Devizes	181	128	309	230	
63rd ,,	Ashton-under-Lyne ...	422	125	547	369	
64th ,,	Lichfield	156	265	421	648	
65th ,,	Pontefract	62	134	196	118	
68th ,,	Newcastle-on-Tyne ...	209	447	656	598	

* This information cannot be inserted.

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TABLE 2.—*continued.*

Regimental District.	Head-quarters of District.	Regular Army. For the territorial regiment of the district.	Regular Army. For other corps.	Regular Army. Total.	Militia.	Number in territorial regiment on 1st Jan., 1903 born in the Regimental District.*
SCOTLAND.						
1st Regtl. Dist. ...	Glencorse	39	82	121	191	
21st ,, ...	Ayr	55	83	138	111	
25th ,, ...	Berwick-on-Tweed ..	78	87	165	80	
26th ,, ...	Hamilton	94	397	491	253	
71st ,, ...	Hamilton	103	292	395	285	
42nd ,, ...	Perth	272	514	786	767	
72nd ,, ...	Fort George	57	47	104	376	
75th ,, ...	Aberdeen	128	97	225	133	
79th ,, ...	Inverness	28	16	44	81	
91st ,, ...	Stirling...	171	170	341	481	
IRELAND.						
18th Regtl. Dist.	Clonmel	168	305	473	465	
27th ,,	Omagh	86	111	197	316	
83rd ,,	Belfast	104	694	798	852	
87th ,,	Armagh	112	161	273	295	
88th ,,	Galway	97	80	177	172	
100th ,,	Birr	113	234	347	583	
101st ,,	Tralee	247	208	455	630	
102nd ,,	Naas	149	81	230	175	
Militia & Volunteer Artillery Districts.	Scarborough	—	105	105	53	
	Liverpool (Seaforth)	—	304	304	322	
	Great Yarmouth ...	—	117	117	92	
	Dover	—	333	333	57	
	Gosport...	—	28	28	1	
	Devonport	—	227	227	46	
	Leith	—	—	—	—	
	Londonderry	—	45	45	32	
	Cork	—	464	464	390	
Engineer Districts.	Devonport	—	36	36	41	
	Chatham (S.M.E.) ...	—	90	90	8	
Recruiting Districts.	London ... ... —	—	8,332	8,332	6,322	
	Liverpool	—	1,301	1,301	2,038	
	Dublin	—	1,232	1,232	1,175	
	Leeds	—	512	512	797	
	Manchester	—	1,752	1,752	1,400	
	Birmingham	—	1,836	1,836	1,859	
	Woolwich	—	1,501	1,501	731	
	Sheffield	—	641	641	648	
	Glasgow	—	1,377	1,377	1,573	
	Edinburgh	—	1,176	1,176	518	

N.B.—The above does not include recruits raised at the head-quarters of regiments, battalions, and batteries. The numbers include some one year men.

* Cannot be shown this year.

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TABLE 3.—AVERAGE HEIGHTS, CHEST MEASUREMENTS and WEIGHTS of RECRUITS who complete 6 months' service and a Gymnastic Course.

——	Average Heights.		Average Chest Measurement.		Average Weights.	
	On Enlistment.	After Gymnastic course and 6 months' Service.	On Enlistment.	After Gymnastic course and 6 months' service.	On Enlistment.	After Gymnastic course and 6 months' service.
Household Cavalry ..						
Cavalry of the Line ..						
Royal Horse and Field Artillery.						
Royal Garrison Artillery						
Royal Engineers.. ..						
Foot Guards						
Infantry of the Line ..						
Colonial Corps						
Army Service Corps ..						
Army Ordnance Corps ..						
Royal Army Medical Corps.						
Army Pay Corps ..						

N.B.—This table has only just been introduced and cannot be completed this year.

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TABLE 4.—Showing the NUMBER of RECRUITS joined at Home during the past ten years, distinguishing those who became Non-effective from various causes within Three Months of the Date of Enlistment.

Years.	Number of Recruits joined at Home.	Casualties within three months of Date of Enlistment.								Total serving on Army Engagement at the expiration of Three Months from Date of Enlistment.
		Died.	Deserted and not rejoined within 3 months of Enlistment.	Claimed Discharge under sec. 81, Army Act, 1881.	Discharged for Fraudulent Enlistment or for making false answers on attestation.	Discharged as Invalids.	Discharged as not likely to become efficient Soldiers.	Discharged for other causes.	Total.	
1893	34,619	32	929	1,127	225	34	371	380	3,098	31,521
1894	33,159	20	611	1,136	141	29	332	415	2,684	30,475
1895	28,865	13	561	905	184	21	294	361	2,339	26,526
1896	27,670	14	553	996	218	36	344	383	2,544	25,126
1897	33,475	19	737	1,225	186	63	448	543	3,224	30,251
1898	38,279	19	906	1,668	220	74	288	660	3,835	34,444
1899*	32,143	33	827	1,038†	167	43	341	656	3,105	29,038
1900*	44,685	70	1,499	24†	175	70	391	873	3,102	41,583
1901*	41,532	23	1,752	26†	252	68	651	1,108	3,885	37,647
1902‡										
Total	314,427	248	8,375	8,145	1,768	441	3,460	5,379	27,816	286,611
Proportion per 1,000 of recruits joined ..		·78	26·67	25·90	5·62	1·40	11·00	17·10	88·47	911·53

* The numbers given are incomplete.
† Discharges by purchase were suspended during the war October 1899—May 1902.
‡ Cannot be completed yet, but will be inserted in the return for next year.

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TABLE 5.—NUMBER of RECRUITS who have joined the Service and short

—	1893.		1894.		1895.		1896.	
	Long.	Short.	Long.	Short.	Long.	Short.	Long.	Short.
Household Cavalry	128	—	135	—	131	—	195	—
Cavalry of the Line	92	2,994	88	3,020	74	2,313	77	2,692
Royal Horse and Field Artillery ... / Royal Garrison Artillery	268	5,377	266	4,737	250	4,302	166	4,267
Royal Engineers	56	605	72	739	80	835	69	853
Foot Guards	45	1,056	25	1,001	42	1,131	36	1,227
Infantry of the Line	641	22,625	777	21,598	780	18,373	798	16,448
Colonial Corps	291	145	303	50	402	122	253	470
Army Service Corps	4	425	20	395	13	368	21	501
Royal Army Medical Corps	9	351	8	333	10	255	11	361
Army Ordnance Corps	2	67	5	77	27	66	12	58
*Corps of Armourers	12	—	9	—	—	—	—	—
Army Post Office Corps...	—	2	—	40	—	9	—	17
All Arms	1,548	33,647	1,708	31,990	1,809	27,774	1,638	26,894
	35,195		33,698		29,583		28,532	

N.B.—General Order 34 of 1874 defined the proportions in which recruits for long and short service respectively were permitted to be enlisted for the several arms of the service.

Under General Orders 51 of 1874 and 53 of 1875 recruits for the Royal Artillery and Foot Guards were permitted to be enlisted for long and short service indiscriminately.

Under Army Circular 1874 (Cl. 67) short service in the Cavalry, Artillery, and Engineers consisted of 8 years with the colours and 4 years with the reserve, and in the Infantry and Army Service Corps of 6 years with the colours and 6 years with the reserve.

Under General Order 18 of 1878 all enlistments for Infantry of the Line, except men specially enlisted and boys under 16 years of age, were to be for *short service*.

* Brought on the Regimental Establishment as a Corps on 1st April, 1889. Incorporated with Army Ordnance Corps from 1st of April, 1895.

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since 1893, showing those who enlisted in each Arm for long service respectively.

1897.		1898.		1899.		1900.		1901.		1902.	
Long.	Short.	Long.	Short.	Long.	Short.	Long.	Short.	Long.	Short.	Long.	Short.
150	—	121	—	145	—	312	—	201	—	149	—
85	2,341	102	3,676	88	4,705	84	6,718	112	6,253	127	6,051
181	6,176	263	6,270	194	3,811	307	6,912	163	6,674	169	8,362
				195	2,952	122	2,919	152	2,699	164	3,318
86	731	105	954	73	1,329	125	2,055	130	1,680	98	1,475
67	1,995	91	2,192	51	2,104	53	2,412	82	2,216	59	1,775
864	20,173	901	22,537	805	21,936	964	21,536	976	21,172	896	25,498
485	808	820	1,491	423	2,070	593	967	281	1,601	423	501
23	499	25	441	52	905	62	1,748	95	1,008	167	1,129
11	238	11	541	11	570	30	745	20	1,068	10	969
33	63	46	133	56	117	48	313	73	383	55	282
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	6	—	9	—	68	—	235	—	—	—	—
1,985	33,030	2,485	38,244	2,093	40,567	2,700	46,560	2,285	44,754	2,317	49,360
35,015		40,729		42,660		49,260		47,039		51,677	

Under General Order 80 of 1881 short service consists of 7 years with the colours and 5 years with the reserve. This Order also defines the class of, and corps for which, men are to be enlisted for long service.

Under General Order 90 of 1883 short service in the Foot Guards consisted of 3 years with the colours and 9 years with the reserve.

Under General Order 66 of 1887 short service in the Royal Engineers consists of 7 years with the colours and 5 years in the reserve, or 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve; and in the Army Service Corps and Medical Staff Corps of 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve.

Under Army Order 254 of 1890 short service in the Foot Guards consists of 7 years with the colours and 5 years in the reserve, or 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve.

Under Army Order 11 of 1891 short service in the Medical Staff Corps consists of 7 years with the colours and 5 years in the reserve, or 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve.

Under Army Order 60 of 1898 short service recruits for the Infantry of the Line were permitted to be enlisted to a limited extent for 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve.

Under Army Order 73 of 1902 short service in Cavalry of the Line, Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, Foot Guards, Infantry of the Line, Army Service Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps, and Army Ordnance Corps consists of 3 years with the colours and 9 in the reserve.

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TABLE 6.—AGES of the RECRUITS who joined the Regular Army in each Year from 1893 to 1902.

Year.	Under 17 years.	17 and under 18 years.	18 and under 19 years.	19 and under 20 years.	20 and under 21 years.	21 and under 22 years.	22 and under 23 years.	23 and under 24 years.	24 and under 25 years.	25 years and upwards.	Not reported	Total.
1893	1,128	230	14,410	7,612	4,043	2,874	2,237	1,391	1,045	220	12	35,202
1894	1,274	86	14,919	7,073	3,618	2,607	1,908	1,167	873	152	21	33,698
1895	1,269	87	12,918	6,092	3,129	2,378	1,737	1,030	792	133	18	29,583
1896	1,204	90	12,486	6,336	3,061	2,043	1,468	953	706	155	30	28,532
1897	1,367	189	16,083	7,405	3,544	2,514	1,733	1,054	765	206	174	35,034
1898	1,530	212	17,362	8,538	4,242	2,738	2,162	1,313	950	193	1,461	40,701
1899*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42,660
1900*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	49,260
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	47,039
1902	1,593	604	21,066	9,652	5,906	3,893	2,978	1,750	1,498	764	1,973	51,677

* Information incomplete owing to the war.

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PART IV.—RE-ENGAGEMENTS, EXTENSIONS, DISCHARGES AND DESERTIONS.

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PART IV.—RE-ENGAGEMENTS, EXTENSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DESERTIONS.

TABLE 1.—RE-ENGAGEMENTS and EXTENSIONS of SERVICE during 1902.

—	Re-engagements.					Men enlisted for short service who extended their engagement with the colours.																	
						To complete 7 years.*				To complete 8 years.							To complete a period of 12 years.						
	9 to 10 years' service.	10 to 11 years' service.	11 to 12 years' service.	Over 12 years.	Total.	Under 1 year's service.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	Over 3 years.	Under 1 year's service.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 6 years.	Over 6 years.	Under 3 years' service.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 6 years.	6 to 7 years.	Over 7 years.	Total.
Household Cavalry																							
Cavalry of the Line																							
Royal Horse and Field Artillery...																							
Royal Garrison Artillery																							
Royal Engineers																							
Foot Guards																							
Infantry of the Line																							
Colonial Corps																							
Army Service Corps...																							
Army Ordnance Corps																							
Royal Army Medical Corps ...																							
Army Pay Corps																							
All Arms																							

* Extensions to complete 7 years ceased on 31st March, and extensions to complete 8 years commenced on 1st April, 1902. A.O. 73 of 1902.
This table cannot be completed this year.

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TABLE 2.—RE-ENGAGEMENTS and Extensions of Service under the Army Enlistment Act of 1870.

Year.	Re-engagements.				Men enlisted for short service who extended their engagement.		Year.
	After 9 years' service.	After 10 years' service.	After 11 years' service.	Total.	To complete a period of 12 years.	To complete periods of less than 12 years.	
1893..	323	280	1,504	2,107	3,991	1,110(1)	1893
1894..	446	412	1,684	2,542	3,730	790(2)	1894
1895..	464	430	2,053	2,947	3,571	657(3)	1895
1896..	458	499	2,044	3,001	3,628	592(4)	1896
1897..	391	409	1,945	2,745	3,064	740(5)	1897
1898..	454	477	2,050	2,981	§3,232	§1,574(6)	1898
1899*	376	415	1,401	2,192	2,562	739(7)	1899*
1900*	—	—	—	—	—	—	1900*
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	1901*
1902..							1902

§ A gratuity authorised to men of Foot Guards to extend their service with the Colours (Army Orders 1 and 36, of 1898).
(1) Including 376 special extensions (with bounty) abroad.
(2) Including 154 special extensions (with bounty) abroad.
(3) Including 133 special extensions (with bounty) abroad.
(4) Including 70 special extensions (with bounty) abroad.
(5) Including 283 special extensions (with bounty) abroad.
(6) Including 552 special extensions (with bounty) abroad, and 198 extensions for two years under Army Order 23, of 1898.
(7) Including 55 special extensions (with bounty) abroad.
* The information for these years is incomplete.

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RE-ENGAGEMENTS, EXTENSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DESERTIONS.

TABLE 3.—NUMBER of MEN reported as discharged from each arm of the Service, and the number of pensions granted during 1902.

—	Total Number of Men Discharged.	Pensions granted.			
		Permanent.			Temporary.
		To men serving with Regular Forces.	To men serving with Militia, Yeomanry, Volunteers, Unattached List, &c.	Total.	
Household Cavalry	202	21	2	23	32
Cavalry of the Line	4,978	139	16	155	868
Imperial Yeomanry	20,801	—	—	—	—
Royal Horse and Field Artillery ..	6,610	414	76	490	715
Royal Garrison Artillery.. ..	2,157				
Royal Engineers	1,484	139	13	152	128
Foot Guards	2,372	36	5	41	345
Infantry of the Line	36,547	1,075	385	1,460	7,913
Colonial Corps	1,621	63	—	63	75
Army Service Corps	992	45	—	45	101
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	240	47	—	47	142
Army Ordnance Corps	1,852	42	—	42	23
Army Pay Corps	33	12	—	12	3
Army Post Office Corps	201	—	—	—	—
All Arms.. ..	80,090	2,033	497	2,530	10,345

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RE-ENGAGEMENTS, EXTENSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DESERTIONS.

TABLE 4.—NUMBER of MEN DISCHARGED and number of PENSIONS granted, whether permanent or temporary, during each year from 1893 to 1902.

Year.	Total.	Pensions granted.		Year.
		* Permanent.	Temporary.	
1893 ..	10,944	1,522	972	1893
1894 ..	10,480	1,319	1,184	1894
1895 ..	10,496	1,504	996	1895
1896 ..	11,396	1,583	1,002	1896
1897 ..	12,966	1,665	1,042	1897
1898 ..	12,983	1,678	1,095	1898
1899 ..	12,605	1,676	1,356	1899
1900 ..	15,169	725	3,452	1900
1901 ..	70,823	1,523	9,722	1901
1902 ..	80,090	2,530	10,345	1902

* Includes pensions granted to men on discharge from the Permanent Staff of Auxiliary Forces, unattached list, &c.

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TABLE 5.—NUMBER of DESERTIONS from each ARM of the Service during 1902, showing the services of the men, the number who rejoined, and the nett loss from desertion.

—	Under 3 months.	3 to 6 months.	6 to 12 months.	1 to 2 years.	Over 2 years.	Not stated.	Total Deserted.	*Rejoined from Desertion.	Nett loss from Desertion.
Household Cavalry	2	1	5	5	12	—	25	11	14
Cavalry of the Line	448	258	214	55	63	285	1,323	366	957
Imperial Yeomanry	—	—	—	—	—	6	6	—	6
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	324	230	309	185	116	58	1,222	526	696
Royal Garrison Artillery	121	57	58	45	94	3	378	152	226
Royal Engineers	18	14	24	20	31	—	107	41	66
Foot Guards	45	15	65	32	75	3	235	79	156
Infantry of the Line	1,251	590	577	361	590	97	3,496	1,576	1,920
Colonial Corps	15	21	29	65	32	5	167	12	155
Army Service Corps	33	31	13	17	30	—	124	57	67
Royal Army Medical Corps	27	10	7	6	19	—	69	21	48
Army Ordnance Corps	3	—	2	4	—	—	9	10	—
Army Pay Corps	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1
All Arms	2,317	1,227	1,303	795	1,063	457	7,162	2,851	4,311

* This includes men fraudulently enlisted and held to serve in the Corps in which they last enlisted.

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TABLE 6.—SERVICES of DESERTERS, and nett loss from Desertion, showing proportions to 1,000 men of the average strength, during each year from 1893 to 1902.

Year.	Under 3 months.	3 to 6 months.	6 to 12 months.	Total under one year.	1 to 2 years.	Over 2 years.	Service not stated.	Total Deserted.	Proportion of Deserters to 1,000 Men.	Rejoined from Desertion.	Nett loss from Desertion.	Proportion of nett loss from Desertion to 1,000 men.	Year.
1893	1,385	735	1,148	3,268	919	642		4,843	23	2,338	2,505	12	1893
1894	1,032	577	843	2,452	920	583	3	3,958	19	1,833	2,125	10	1894
1895	762	458	793	2,013	774	657	9	3,453	16	1,656	1,797	8	1895
1896	771	486	721	1,978	690	699	—	3,367	16	1,538	1,829	9	1896
1897	1.045	556	743	2,344	713	593	—	3,650	17	1,726	1,924	9	1897
1898	1,302	712	873	2,887	626	513	48	4,074	19	1,934	2,140	10	1898
1899*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1899*
1900*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1900*
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1901*
1902	2,317	1,227	1,303	4,847	795	1,063	457	7,162	19	2,839	4,323	12	1902

* Information incomplete owing to the war.

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PART V.—RELIEFS AND REINFORCEMENTS.

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PART V.—RELIEFS AND REINFORCEMENTS.

TABLE 1.—DETAIL of TROOPS embarked for India during 1902, showing ages.

—	Number of Unit.	No. of N.C.O.'s and Men. In Units.	No. of N.C.O.'s and Men. In Detachments	Ages of Men in Detachments.* Under 18 years.	18—19 years.	19—20 years.	20—21 years.	21—22 years.	22—24 years.	24—26 years.	26—30 years.	Over 30 years.	Not reported.	Total.
From Home—														
Cavalry	—	—	435											
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	589											
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	77											
Infantry	—	—	3,948											
Other Corps	—	—	59											
Total	—	—	5,108											
From the Colonies and Egypt—														
Cavalry	6	2,552	216											
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	13	1,659	39											
Royal Garrison Artillery	7	854	3											
Infantry	12	7,457	10,524											
Other Corps	—	—	16											
Total	38	12,522	10,798											
General Total	38	12,522	15,906											
Total by Arms	—	—	—											
Cavalry	6	2,552	651											
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	13	1,659	628											
Royal Garrison Artillery	7	854	80											
Infantry	12	7,457	14,472											
Other Corps	—	—	75											
Total	38	12,522	15,906											

* Information incomplete.

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TABLE 2.—DETAILS of TROOPS disembarked in the Colonies and Egypt during 1902, showing Ages.

—	Number of Units.	No. of N.C.O.'s and men.		Ages of Men in Detachments. †										
		In Units.	In Detachments.	Under 19 years.	18-19 years.	19-20 years.	20-21 years.	21-22 years.	22-24 years.	24-26 years.	26-30 years.	Over 30 years.	Unreported.	Total.
From India—														
Cavalry	1	407	—											
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	—											
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	—	—	—											
Infantry	3	1,917	6,272											
Other Corps*	8	5,443	555											
Total	12	7,767	6,827											
From Home—														
Cavalry	—	—	4,273											
Imperial Yeomanry	—	—	6,869											
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	1,406											
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	1	151	2,131											
Royal Engineers	—	—	1,846											
Foot Guards	—	—	1,154											
Infantry	3	1,816	25,119											
Army Service Corps	—	—	764											
R.A. Med. Corps	—	—	1,138											
Total	4	1,967	44,700											
Grand Total	16	9,734	51,527											
Total by Arms—														
Cavalry	1	407	4,273											
Imperial Yeomanry	—	—	6,869											
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	1,406											
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	1	151	2,131											
Royal Engineers..	—	—	1,846											
Foot Guards	—	—	1,154											
Infantry	6	3,733	31,391											
Army Service Corps	—	—	764											
R.A. Med. Corps	—	—	1,138											
Other Corps	8	5,443	555											
Total	16	9,734	51,527											

* To China and Somaliland. † Information incomplete.

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TABLE 3.—DETAIL of TROOPS disembarked at Home from service abroad 1902, showing—

—	Number of Units.	No. of N.C.O.'s and Men. In Units.	No. of N.C.O.'s and Men. In Detachments.	Total.	Details of Detachments.† Invalids.	Time Expired Men.	To Join Army Reserve.	To Join Home Establishment.	Other Causes.	Total.
From India—										
Cavalry..	—	—	413	413						
Royal Horse and Field Artillery ..	11	869	1,085	1,954						
Royal Garrison Artillery	4	326	784	1,110						
Infantry	3	1,224	4,831	6,055						
Other Corps	—	—	17	17						
Total	18	2,419	7,130	9,549						
From the Colonies and Egypt—										
Cavalry..	6	3,233	6,957	10,190						
Imperial Yeomanry	—	—	19,164	19,164						
Royal Horse and Field Artillery ..	17	1,065	4,564	5,629						
Royal Garrison Artillery	6	584	2,287	2,871						
Foot Guards	3	3,233	4,387	7,620						
Royal Engineers	—	1,002	842	1,844						
Infantry	28	15,206	62,320	77,526						
Army Service Corps	21	796	1,026	1,822						
R.A. Medical Corps	—	—	2,795	2,795						
Total	81	25,119	104,342	129,461						
Grand Total	99	27,538	111,472	139,010						
Total by Arms—										
Cavalry..	6	3,233	7,370	10,603						
Imperial Yeomanry	—	—	19,164	19,164						
Royal Horse and Field Artillery ..	28	1,934	5,649	7,583						
Royal Garrison Artillery	10	910	3,071	3,981						
Royal Engineers	—	1,002	842	1,844						
Foot Guards	3	3,233	4,387	7,620						
Infantry	31	16,430	67,151	83,581						
Army Service Corps	21	796	1,026	1,822						
R.A. Medical Corps	—	—	2,795	2,795						
Other Corps	—	—	17	17						
Total	99	27,538	111,472	139,010						

† Information incomplete.

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PART VI.—PUNISHMENTS AND REWARDS.

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PART VI.—PUNISHMENTS AND REWARDS.*

TABLE 1.—NUMBER OF COURTS-MARTIAL held during 1902, showing the OFFENCES for which the men were tried, the Sentences awarded, and the Punishments inflicted, in each arm of the service, at home and abroad.

Courts-Martial and Offences.

—	At Home.											Abroad.											General Total.
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	All Arms.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Colonial Corps.	Army Service Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	All Arms.	
Number of Courts-Martial...																							
Acquitted																							
Offences in relation to:—																							
The Enemy...																							
Mutiny																							
Desertion																							
Fraudulent Enlistment ...																							
Offences in relation to enlistment																							
Violence and disobedience to Superiors																							
Minor Insubordination and neglect of orders ...																							
Quitting or Sleeping on Post																							
Drunk on Duty																							
Drunkenness																							
Disgraceful Conduct ...																							
Absence without Leave ...																							
Making away with Necessaries																							
Miscellaneous...																							
Total of Offences ...																							

* The returns on which these tables are based are incomplete, but it is hoped that the information can be compiled later and inserted in Tables 2 to 8 next year.

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TABLE 1.—*continued.*—Punishments inflicted.

—	At Home.												Abroad.											General Total.
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	All Arms.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Colonial Corps.	Army Service Corps	Army Ordnance Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	All Arms.	
Death																								
Penal Servitude																								
Reduction to a lower grade or to the Ranks																								
Reduction and Imprisonment																								
Summary Punishment under Sec. 44 (para. 5) Army Act, 1881 ...																								
Stoppages, Fine or Forfeiture, without other punishment... ...																								
Imprisonment with or without Hard Labour																								
Discharged with ignominy without other punishment ...																								
Total of Punishments inflicted ...																								
Pardoned																								
Sentence wholly remitted...																								
Sentence quashed																								

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TABLE 2.—COURTS-MARTIAL, CRIMES, and PUNISHMENTS, in each year from 1893 to 1902.
Courts-Martial and Offences.

	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902
Number of Courts-Martial	11,232	9,802	9,189	9,131	9,069	9,676	*	*	*	*
Acquitted	283	256	242	277	276	284				
OFFENCES.										
Offences in relation to :—										
The enemy	—	—	—	—	—	5				
Mutiny	3	1	—	5	—	—				
Desertion	2,170	1,936	1,785	1,611	1,688	1,819				
Fraudulent enlistment	519	464	368	325	334	381				
Offences in relation to enlistment	690	533	437	397	449	509				
Violence to Superiors and insubordination	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Violence and disobedience to Superiors	2,040	1,960	1,848	2,015	1,864	1,807				
Disobedience	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Minor insubordination and neglect of orders	2,333	2,239	2,208	2,174	1,927	2,198				
Quitting or sleeping on Post	233	184	199	160	224	197				
Drunk on Duty under Arms	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Drunk on Duty	744	663	692	650	647	811				
Drunkenness	1,062	926	981	989	858	973				
Disgraceful conduct	978	856	866	791	756	773				
Absence without leave	1,561	1,338	1,237	1,229	1,148	1,296				
Making away with necessaries	3,299	2,928	2,432	2,224	2,083	2,239				
Miscellaneous	1,843	1,102	911	1,093	1,200	1,036				
Total of Offences	17,475	15,130	13,964	13,663	13,178	14,044				
Percentage to average strength	8	7	7	6	6	6				

* Information incomplete owing to the war. The figures for 1902 will, if possible, be inserted next year.

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TABLE 2—*continued.*—Punishments inflicted.

	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.
Death	—	2	1	—	2	1				
Penal Servitude	12	7	5	8	13	8				
Reduction to a lower grade or to the Ranks ..	1,258	1,113	1,083	1,066	1,132	1,188				
Reduction and Imprisonment	95	74	94	74	92	85				
Corporal Punishment	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Corporal Punishment and Imprisonment ..	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Put under stoppages without other punishment	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Stoppages, Fine or Forfeiture, without other punishment	39	24	26	42	28	32				
Solitary Confinement	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Solitary Confinement and Imprisonment with or without Hard Labour ..	—	—	—	—	—	—				
Summary Punishment under sec. 44 (para. 5), Army Act, 1881	—	3	—	1	—	1				
Imprisonment with or without Hard Labour	9,365	8,134	7,577	7,555	7,349	7,908				
Discharged with ignominy without other punishment	—	—	1	2	—	—				
Total of Punishments inflicted	10,769	‡9,357	8,787	8,748	8,616	9,223	*	*	*	*
Pardoned, Sentence wholly remitted, or Sentence quashed	180	190	†‡160	‡143	177	169	*	*	*	*

* Information incomplete owing to the war. The figures for 1902 will, if possible, be inserted next year.
† One man deserted before promulgation of court-martial. ‡ One sentence quashed after punishment had been inflicted.

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COURTS-MARTIAL, CRIMES, AND PUNISHMENTS.

TABLE 3.—NUMBER of MEN tried by COURT-MARTIAL, and the total number of trials in each year, from 1893 to 1902.

YEAR.	Number of men tried.						Number of trials.
	Once.	Twice.	Three times.	Four times.	Five times.	Total. Men.	
1893	8,737	989	138	22	3	9,889	11,232
1894	7,754	771	135	19	5	8,684	9,802
1895	7,369	721	106	15	—	8,211	9,189
1896	7,126	803	125	15	—	8,069	9,167
1897	7,319	719	93	7	1	8,139	9,069
1898	7,859	737	90	17	1	8,704	9,679
1899	—	—	—	—	—	*	*
1900	—	—	—	—	—	*	*
1901	—	—	—	—	—	*	*
1902	—	—	—	—	—	*	*

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TABLE 4.—Number of GENERAL, DISTRICT, and REGIMENTAL COURTS-MARTIAL at home and abroad, from 1893 to 1902.

Years.	Number of Courts-Martial.					
	General.	District.	Regimental.	Home.	Abroad.	Total.
1893 ..	16	8,012	3,204	6,856	4,376	11,232
1894 ..	23	7,520	2,259	5,936	3,866	9,802
1895 ..	15	6,958	2,216	5,240	3,949	9,189
1896 ..	16	7,073	2,078	5,241	3,926	9,167
1897 ..	26	6,987	2,056	5,269	3,800	9,069
1898 ..	16	7,456	2,204	5,463	4,213	9,676
1899* ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
1900* ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901* ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902* ..	—	—	—	—	—	—

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TABLE 5.—NUMBER of MEN FINED for DRUNKENNESS, the number of FINES inflicted, during 1902.*

—	Number of Men Fined.											Number of cases of Fines inflicted.
	Once.	Twice.	Three times.	Four times.	Five times.	Six times.	Seven times.	Eight times.	Nine times.	Ten times.	Total of men Fined.	
Household Cavalry												
Cavalry of the Line												
Royal Horse and Field Artillery												
Royal Garrison Artillery												
Royal Engineers												
Foot Guards..												
Infantry of the Line												
Colonial Corps												
Army Service Corps												
Army Ordnance Corps												
Royal Army Medical Corps												
Army Pay Corps												
All Arms												

* Information incomplete owing to the war. The numbers for 1902 will, if possible, be inserted next year.

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TABLE 6.—NUMBER OF MEN FINED for DRUNKENNESS, number of FINES inflicted, from 1893 to 1902.

Year.	Number of Men Fined.														Number of Fines inflicted.	Year.
	Once.	Twice.	Three times.	Four times.	Five times.	Six times.	Seven times.	Eight times.	Nine times.	Ten times.	Eleven times.	Twelve times.	Thirteen times	Total of men Fined.		
1893	7,649	3,389	1,719	844	473	204	88	29	17	3	2	1	—	14,418	27,614	1893
1894	7,667	3,456	1,679	864	448	218	67	52	7	9	4	—	1	14,472	27,715	1894
1895	7,519	3,254	1,630	815	469	209	102	34	8	4	2	4	—	14,050	26,944	1895
1896	7,592	3,411	1,668	945	443	223	98	40	15	5	1	—	—	14,441	27,953	1896
1897	7,959	3,333	1,764	866	369	158	68	40	14	5	—	—	—	14,576	26,953	1897
1898	7,770	3,352	1,600	756	382	177	79	33	9	4	1	2	—	14,165	26,243	1898
1899*	1,053	408	134	54	30	4	4	1	1	—	—	—	—	1,689*	2,706*	1899*
1900*	2,277	809	379	149	52	31	7	5	1	1	—	—	—	3,711*	6,182*	1900*
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1901*
1902*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1902*

* Returns incomplete owing to the war. The numbers for 1902 will, if possible, be inserted next year.

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TABLE 7.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the number of men in possession of GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS in each year from 1893 to 1902.

Year.	Medals and Annuities.	Medals and Gratuities.				Medals without Gratuities.				Year.
		Serjeants.	Corporals and Bombardiers	Trumpeters, Drummers, and Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Corporals and Bombardiers	Trumpeters, Drummers, and Privates.	Total.	
1894, 1st January	—	89	90	475	654	724	—	1	725	1894
1895, ,, ...	—	79	98	443	620	700	—	1	701	1895
1896, ,, ...	—	73	96	438	607	795	—	—	795	1896
1897, ,, ...	—	68	81	490	639	868	1	1	870	1897
1898, ,, ...	—	51	87	466	604	866	—	1	867	1898
1899, ,, ...	2	52	76	512	640	934	—	1	935	1899
1900,* ,, ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1900*
1901,* ,, ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1901*
1902,* ,, ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1902*
1903,* ,, ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1903*

* Returns incomplete owing to the war. The numbers for 1902 will, if possible, be inserted next year.

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TABLE 8.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the number of men in possession of GOOD CONDUCT BADGES in each year from 1893 to 1902.

Year.	One Badge.	Two Badges.	Three Badges.	Four Badges.	Five Badges.	Six Badges.	Total.	Year.
1894, 1st January	64,826	24,610	2,686	971	289	117	93,499	1894
1895, 1st ,, ...	71,405	23,320	2,688	1,090	273	124	98,900	1895
1896, 1st ,, ...	74,137	23,774	2,849	1,057	218	122	102,157	1896
1897, 1st ,, ...	77,174	24,060	2,912	1,215	170	135	105,666	1897
1898, 1st ,, ...	74,215	24,480	2,951	1,264	158	125	103,193	1898
1899, 1st ,, ...	70,071	29,335	3,279	1,363	140	121	104,309	1899
1900, 1st ,, * ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1900*
1901, 1st ,, * ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1901*
1902, 1st ,, * ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1902*
1903, 1st ,, * ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1903*

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PART VII.—SERVICES AND AGES.

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PART VII.—SERVICES AND AGES.

TABLE 1.—PAST SERVICES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the different arms, at Home. in the Colonies, and in India, showing the number serving under their original engagements, and the number who have extended their Service or re-engaged on the 1st January, 1903.

—	Under Original Engagements.														
	For 3 years with colours.					For 7 years with colours.*									
	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	Over 3 years.	TOTAL.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 6 years.	6 to 7 years.	7 to 8 years.	Over 8 years.	TOTAL.
AT HOME.															
Household Cavalry	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line	2,898	23	2	—	2,923	954	2,036	1,437	1,011	839	538	461	267	307	7,850
Imperial Yeomanry	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Horse and Field Artillery...	5,507	52	—	—	5,559	2,176	3,070	2,377	1,216	816	640	499	162	210	11,166
Royal Garrison Artillery	1,983	3	11	—	1,997	613	735	434	393	425	315	290	106	209	3,520
Royal Engineers	1,071	254	166	4	1,495	554	666	633	303	380	269	248	1	4	3,058
Foot Guards	1,254	906	937	—	3,097	214	669	742	553	662	547	434	4	11	3,836
Infantry of the Line	15,659	2,315	1,367	677	19,341	2,235	4,247	2,505	2,290	2,176	2,458	2,398	1,318	1,010	20,637
Army Service Corps	996	721	1,002	—	3,396	9	46	100	51	58	57	83	7	63	474
Army Ordnance Corps'	167	1	—	—	168	50	64	42	15	24	16	10	—	—	221
Royal Army Medical Corps ...	549	109	26	36	720	176	87	28	21	35	42	69	40	67	565
Army Pay Corps	—	2	3	—	5	—	35	68	43	25	28	19	—	3	221
Army Post Office Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms...	30,084	4,386	3,514	717	38,701	6,981	11,655	8,366	5,896	5,440	4,910	4,511	1,905	1,884	51,518
IN THE COLONIES AND EGYPT.															
Cavalry of the Line	296	1	-	—	297	410	1,078	1,420	982	627	250	326	210	6	5,309
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	23	—	—	—	23	28	260	570	531	411	272	157	110	42	2,381
Royal Garrison Artillery	300	10	1	—	311	272	1,056	939	887	765	564	628	177	45	5,333
Royal Engineers	—	—	68	147	215	—	208	548	326	407	185	281	279	131	2,368
Infantry of the Line	1,946	1,803	1,969	—	5,718	1,038	4,053	4,180	4,033	4,148	3,636	2,355	1,840	294	25,577
Colonial Corps	—	306	160	—	466	180	20	300	—	9	70	—	—	—	579
Army Service Corps	1	25	260	314	600	—	9	17	31	44	40	122	58	10	331
Army Ordnance Corps...	—	—	—	—	—	26	250	229	69	81	45	31	9	—	740
Royal Army Medical Corps ...	30	340	237	144	751	36	243	280	216	146	52	74	28	—	1,080
Army Pay Corps	—	—	—	1	1	—	3	8	22	17	23	11	8	1	93
Army Post Office Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms	2,596	2,485	2,695	606	8,382	1,940	7,185	8,491	7,097	6,655	5,140	3,985	2,719	529	43,791
IN INDIA.															
Cavalry of the Line	1	—	1	—	2	17	342	765	486	341	370	406	126	23	2,876
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	63	—	1	—	64	60	477	1,581	911	860	935	667	278	60	5,829
Royal Garrison Artillery	23	—	—	—	23	19	221	539	651	533	531	379	233	56	3,162
Infantry of the Line	271	400	229	—	900	541	2,610	4,925	5,338	5,150	5,337	4,158	2,014	640	30,713
All Arms	358	400	231	—	989	637	3,650	7,810	7,386	6,884	7,173	5,610	2,651	779	42,580
General Total	33,038	7,271	6,440	1,323	48,072	9,608	22,490	24,667	20,379	18,979	17,223	14,106	7,275	3,192	137,919

* Including men enlisted for three years who have extended their service to complete seven years with the colours.

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PART VII.—SERVICES AND AGES. TABLE 1.—*continued.*

—	Number who have extended their service. To complete 8 years with colours.* Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 6 years.	6 to 7 years.	7 to 8 years.	Over 8 years.	To complete 12 years with the colours. Under 10 years.	10 to 11 years.	11 to 12 years.	Over 12 years.	Long Service, 1st period. Under 10 years.	10 to 11 years.	11 to 12 years.	Over 12 years.	Re-engaged. Under 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	Over 21 years.	Re-enlisted.	Not reported, &c.†	TOTAL.
AT HOME.																								
Household Cavalry	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,013	48	40	—	245	21	18	19	—	—	1,404
Cavalry of the Line	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	473	183	153	—	490	19	30	22	613	44	50	40	61	2,288	15,242
Imperial Yeomanry	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,468	1,468
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	3	—	5	5	—	1	—	1	4	779	290	221	10	949	54	55	31	1,339	72	50	65	—	951	21,610
Royal Garrison Art.	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	587	190	145	33	547	60	20	—	1,262	105	81	130	—	701	9,382
Royal Engineers ...	5	3	3	18	4	3	7	14	2	384	104	68	—	576	44	33	—	948	94	68	42	78	1,186	8,237
Foot Guards ...	21	20	6	11	2	—	—	2	4	215	69	53	—	372	23	21	1	393	37	20	21	17	1,380	9,621
Infantry of the Line	47	31	15	26	27	6	4	21	35	2,168	834	479	33	3,189	171	161	39	3,615	274	219	280	781	18,663	71,096
Army Service Corps	10	30	51	121	54	48	6	2	—	251	54	54	—	446	12	8	—	448	14	15	29	47	21	5,591
Army Ord. Corps ...	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	45	16	13	—	195	7	6	1	106	3	11	—	3	100	898
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	156	35	30	—	61	—	1	—	235	14	15	10	94	298	2,236
Army Pay Corps ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	56	8	8	—	29	—	1	—	117	16	50	—	—	—	514
Army Post Office Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	327	327
All Arms ...	95	84	81	181	89	58	20	40	45	5,114	1,783	1,224	76	7,867	438	376	94	9,321	694	597	636	1,081	27,383	147,626
IN THE COLONIES AND EGYPT.																								
Cavalry of the Line	—	—	—	1	5	—	—	—	—	275	80	56	10	190	17	8	3	240	22	5	7	4	1,583	8,112
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	1	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	62	28	33	15	117	13	13	4	98	7	2	3	22	—	2,826
Royal Garrison Art.	—	17	16	26	28	20	17	8	—	614	70	32	2	432	35	19	3	638	21	15	16	—	24	7,697
Royal Engineers ...	—	—	—	2	—	—	3	4	1	213	45	41	—	120	27	20	6	664	18	14	11	12	534	4,318
Infantry of the Line	1	7	5	8	5	4	6	6	23	1,505	566	363	113	1,905	177	122	48	1,834	111	63	17	5,435	3,032	46,651
Colonial Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	106	23	25	2	1,261	238	97	26	204	31	29	14	—	11,822	14,923
Army Service Corps	—	1	6	24	16	13	5	2	—	97	46	39	14	65	9	6	1	224	9	11	3	12	598	2,132
Army Ord. Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	95	16	11	—	140	9	3	1	191	6	5	—	11	—	1,228
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	101	42	22	6	100	23	26	—	375	28	20	—	4	158	2,740
Army Pay Corps ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	37	14	5	1	18	2	—	—	111	7	—	7	2	—	298
Army Post Office Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	28
All Arms ...	1	26	27	63	56	37	35	20	24	3,105	930	627	163	4,348	550	314	92	4,579	260	164	78	5,502	17,779	90,953
IN INDIA.																								
Cavalry of the Line	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	587	158	51	4	199	13	13	—	209	11	14	5	12	746	4,900
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,268	373	198	42	331	48	19	3	673	33	21	14	—	420	9,336
Royal Garrison Art.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	877	182	23	—	128	12	2	—	365	21	7	9	37	236	5,084
Royal Engineers ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3
Infantry of the Line	1	6	1	2	1	—	—	8	—	8,907	3,111	1,018	72	1,538	132	76	30	2,494	122	65	46	30	4,096	53,369
Army Ord. Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	69	6	3	—	26	—	2	2	—	—	115
All Arms ...	1	6	1	2	1	—	—	8	—	11,646	3,824	1,290	118	2,265	211	113	33	3,770	187	109	76	79	5,498	72,807
General Total ...	97	116	109	246	146	95	55	68	69	19,865	6,537	3,141	357	14,480	1,199	803	219	17,670	1,141	870	790	6,662	50,660†	311,386

* Men enlisted for three and seven years who have extended service to complete eight years with the colours. † The numbers shown in this column at Home consist chiefly of Reservists and others on Furlough pending transfer to Reserve or discharge. Those abroad are chiefly drafts on passage.

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SERVICES AND AGES.

TABLE 2.—TERMS of ENGAGEMENT of the Non-Commissioned Officers on the 1st

—	Short Service.																	
	Original Engagements.										Men who have extended their							
	For 3 years with colours.					For 7 years with colours.*					To complete 8 years with colours.					To complete 12 years.		
	Serjeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.
AT HOME.																		
Household Cavalry ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line ...	—	—	2	2,921	2,923	150	6	317	7,377	7,850	—	—	—	3	3	246	4	138
Imperial Yeomanry ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	49	1	104	5,405	5,559	83	12	793	10,278	11,166	—	—	1	18	19	294	8	287
Royal Garrison Artillery	1	—	5	1,991	1,997	35	3	243	3,239	3,520	—	—	1	3	4	150	—	216
Royal Engineers ...	—	—	11	1,484	1.495	1	—	205	2,852	3,058	—	—	25	34	59	77	—	202
Foot Guards	—	—	1	3,096	3,097	87	10	328	3,411	3,836	2	—	4	60	66	174	5	35
Infantry of the Line ..	1	2	80	19,258	19,341	375	58	1,291	18,913	20,637	31	13	28	140	212	921	203	473
Army Service Corps ...	7	—	118	3,271	3,396	29	—	93	352	474	19	—	87	216	322	135	—	82
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	—	168	168	2	—	14	205	221	—	—	—	3	3	33	—	15
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	—	720	720	5	—	49	511	565	—	—	—	2	2	46	—	56
Army Pay Corps ...	—	—	2	3	5	1	—	139	81	221	—	—	3	—	3	22	—	44
Army Post Office Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms ...	58	3	323	38,317	38,701	768	89	3,472	47,219	51,548	52	13	149	479	693	2,098	220	1,548
IN THE COLONIES AND EGYPT.																		
Cavalry of the Line ..	4	—	1	292	297	113	2	220	4,974	5,309	—	—	1	5	6	110	6	48
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	—	23	23	37	1	176	2,167	2,381	1	—	1	3	5	43	—	31
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	—	311	311	49	—	296	4,988	5,333	—	—	4	128	132	168	—	147
Royal Engineers ...	—	—	7	208	215	—	—	217	2,151	2,368	—	—	2	8	10	31	—	177
Foot Guards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infantry of the Line ...	22	3	95	5,598	5,718	735	54	1,593	23,195	25,577	21	14	8	22	65	722	221	191
Colonial Corps	3	11	11	441	466	6	4	39	530	579	—	—	—	—	—	33	—	17
Army Service Corps ...	7	—	54	539	600	45	—	87	199	331	8	—	28	31	67	108	—	60
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	78	655	740	—	—	—	—	—	63	—	31
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	6	745	751	8	—	53	1,019	1,080	—	—	—	4	4	60	—	68
Army Pay Corps ...	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	77	16	93	—	—	—	—	—	31	—	23
Army Post Office Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms ...	36	14	175	8,157	8,382	1,000	61	2,838	39,894	43,791	30	14	44	201	289	1,369	227	793
IN INDIA.																		
Cavalry of the Line ...	—	—	—	2	2	34	2	120	2,720	2,876	—	—	—	—	—	149	2	99
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	—	64	64	33	5	298	5,493	5,829	—	—	—	—	—	123	1	297
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	—	23	23	6	3	143	3,010	3,162	—	—	—	—	—	74	6	187
Royal Engineers ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infantry of the Line ...	14	—	16	870	900	167	43	779	29,724	30,713	—	1	—	18	19	767	327	873
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—
All Arms ...	14	—	16	959	989	240	53	1,340	40,947	42,580	—	1	—	18	19	1,120	336	1,456
General Total ...	108	17	514	47,433	48,072	2,008	203	7,648	128,060	137,919	82	28	193	698	1,001	4,587	783	3,797

* Including men enlisted for three years who have

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ervice. To complete 12 years.		Long Service. 1st Period.					Re-engaged Men.					Re-enlisted.					Not reported, &c.†	Total.
Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.		
—	—	61	18	54	968	1,101	116	5	6	176	303	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,404
421	809	13	94	15	439	561	458	4	95	190	747	—	—	—	61	61	2,288	15,242
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,468	1,468
711	1,300	81	252	119	637	1,089	747	16	227	536	1,526	—	—	—	—	—	951	21,610
589	955	26	165	48	388	627	548	7	210	813	1,578	—	—	—	—	—	701	9,382
277	556	28	100	95	430	653	661	—	253	238	1,152	6	—	7	65	78	1,186	8,237
123	337	17	153	13	234	417	213	12	33	213	471	7	—	—	10	17	1,380	9,621
1,917	3,514	88	449	175	2,848	3,560	1,974	69	501	1,844	4,388	60	1	80	640	781	18,663	71,096
142	359	22	51	24	369	466	326	—	61	119	506	16	—	12	19	47	21	5,591
26	74	141	8	2	58	209	104	—	3	13	120	1	—	—	2	3	100	898
119	221	1	16	1	44	62	144	—	54	76	274	13	—	19	62	94	298	2,236
6	72	—	—	21	9	30	178	—	5	—	183	—	—	—	—	—	—	514
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	327	327
4,331	8,197	478	1,306	567	6,424	8,775	5,469	113	1,448	4,218	11,248	103	1	118	859	1,081	27,383	147,626
257	421	2	52	11	153	218	201	5	14	54	274	—	—	—	4	4	1,583	8,112
64	138	32	19	18	78	147	58	—	21	31	110	—	—	—	22	22	—	2,876
403	718	52	83	83	271	489	309	3	86	292	690	—	—	—	—	—	24	7,697
91	299	16	61	47	49	173	568	—	72	67	707	3	—	9	—	12	534	4,318
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1,413	2,547	101	438	145	1,568	2,252	1,112	25	163	725	2,025	221	77	203	4,934	5,135	3,032	46,651
106	156	49	46	86	1,441	1,622	105	2	16	155	278	—	—	—	—	—	11,822	14,923
28	196	17	—	22	42	61	189	—	29	29	247	4	—	6	2	12	598	2,132
28	122	125	2	10	16	153	162	—	14	26	202	1	—	5	5	11	—	1,228
43	171	16	25	41	67	149	183	—	82	158	423	—	—	4	—	4	158	2,740
3	57	1	—	15	4	20	120	—	5	—	125	2	—	—	—	2	—	298
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	28
2,436	4,825	411	726	478	3,689	5,304	3,007	35	502	1,537	5,081	231	77	227	4,967	5,502	17,779	90,953
570	800	4	59	9	153	225	186	4	18	31	239	—	—	—	12	12	746	4,900
1,460	1,881	31	91	74	205	401	331	7	118	285	741	—	—	—	—	—	420	9,336
815	1,082	3	0	23	56	142	181	4	66	151	402	—	—	4	33	37	236	5,084
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
11,141	13,108	48	320	87	1,321	1,776	1,326	27	265	1,109	2,727	—	—	—	30	30	4,096	53,369
—	7	77	—	—	1	78	30	—	—	—	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	115
13,986	16,878	163	530	193	1,736	2,622	2,057	42	467	1,576	4,142	—	—	4	75	79	5,498	72,807
20,733	29,900	,052	2,562	1,238	11,849	16,701	10,533	190	2,417	7,331	20,471	334	78	349	5,901	6,662	50,660†	311,386

extended their service to complete seven years with the colours.
pending transfer to Reserve or discharge. Those abroad are chiefly drafts on passage.

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TABLE 2.—TERMS of ENGAGEMENT of the Non-Commissioned Officers on the 1st January,

—	Short Service.																	
	Original Engagement.										Men who have extended their							
	For 3 years, with colours.					For 7 years with colours.*					For 8 years with colours.					To complete 12 years.		
	Serjeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.
Household Cavalry ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line ...	4	—	3	3,215	3,222	297	10	657	15,071	16,033	—	—	1	8	9	505	12	285
Imperial Yeomanry ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	49	1	101	5,492	5,646	153	18	1,267	17,938	19,376	1	—	2	21	24	460	9	615
Royal Garrison Artillery	1	—	5	2,325	2,331	90	6	682	11,237	12,015	—	—	5	131	136	392	6	550
Royal Engineers ..	—	—	18	1,692	1,710	1	—	422	5,063	5,426	—	—	27	42	69	108	—	379
Foot Guards	—	—	1	3,096	3,097	87	10	328	2,411	3,836	2	—	4	60	66	174	5	35
Infantry of the Line ...	37	5	191	25,726	25,959	1,277	155	3,663	71,832	76,927	52	28	36	180	296	2,410	751	1,537
Colonial Corps	3	11	11	411	466	6	4	39	530	579	—	—	—	—	—	33	—	17
Army Service Corps ...	14	—	172	3,810	3,996	74	—	180	551	805	27	—	115	247	389	243	—	142
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	—	168	168	9	—	92	860	961	—	—	—	3	3	103	—	46
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	6	1,465	1,471	13	—	102	1,530	1,645	—	—	—	6	6	106	—	124
Army Pay Corps ..	—	—	3	3	6	1	—	216	97	314	—	—	3	—	3	53	—	67
Army Post Office Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms ...	108	17	514	47,433	48,072	2,008	203	7,648	123,066	137,9[illegible]9	82	28	193	698	1,001	4,587	783	3,797

* Including men enlisted for three years who have

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and Men of different arms, at Home, in the Colonies, and in India, 1903.—*continued.*

Service. To complete 12 years.		Long Service. 1st Period.					Re-engaged Men.					Re-enlisted.					Not reported, &c.†	Total.
Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.		
—	—	61	18	54	968	1,101	116	5	6	176	303	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,404
1,228	2,030	19	205	35	745	1,004	845	13	127	275	1,260	—	—	—	77	77	4,617	28,254
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,468	1,468
2,235	3,319	144	362	211	920	1,637	1,136	23	366	852	2,377	—	—	—	22	22	1,371	33,772
1,807	2,755	81	308	154	715	1,258	1,038	14	362	1,256	2,670	—	—	4	33	37	961	22,163
368	855	44	161	142	479	826	1,232	—	325	305	1,862	9	—	16	65	90	1,720	12,558
153	337	17	153	13	234	417	213	12	33	213	471	7	—	—	10	17	1,380	9,621
14,471	19,169	237	1,207	407	5,737	7,588	4,412	121	929	3,678	9,140	221	78	283	5,604	6,246	25,791	171,116
106	156	49	46	86	1,441	1,622	105	2	16	155	278	—	—	—	—	—	11,822	14,923
170	555	39	51	46	411	547	515	—	90	148	753	20	—	18	21	59	619	7,723
54	203	343	10	12	75	440	296	—	17	39	352	2	—	5	7	14	100	2,241
162	392	17	41	42	111	211	327	—	136	234	697	13	—	23	62	98	456	4,976
9	129	1	—	36	13	50	298	—	10	—	308	2	—	—	—	—	—	812
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	355	355
20,753	29,900	1,052	2,562	1,238	11,849	16,701	10,533	190	2,417	7,331	20,471	334	78	349	5,901	6,662	50,660	311,386

extended to complete seven years with the colours.
leading transfer to Reserve or discharge, and drafts on passage abroad.

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TABLE 3.—AGES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the 1st

—	Under 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	21 to 22 years.	22 to 23 years.	23 to 24 years.	24 to 25 years.	25 to 26 years.	26 to 27 years.	27 to 28 years.	28 to 29 years.
AT HOME.												
Household Cavalry ...	12	29	89	120	125	120	115	104	74	62	74	55
Cavalry of the Line ...	244	1,282	1,913	2,010	1,689	1,343	1,089	1,154	700	497	454	525
Imperial Yeomanry ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Roy. Horse & Field Art.	532	2,530	3,307	2,900	2,365	1,920	1,539	1,152	906	610	603	511
Royal Garrison Artillery	349	648	821	770	733	550	585	526	421	356	316	378
Royal Engineers	286	324	521	492	533	484	397	415	320	285	220	262
Foot Guards	565	386	793	988	1,094	1,004	936	927	743	465	339	333
Infantry of the Line ...	2,683	8,785	8,636	5,544	3,977	3,648	3,656	4,335	2,897	2,936	2,882	3,499
Army Service Corps ...	347	422	462	1,019	599	382	288	261	223	205	184	179
Royal Army Med. Corps	41	220	262	163	139	122	106	158	135	103	127	100
Army Ordnance Corps ...	62	56	104	63	56	52	40	35	36	27	29	55
Army Pay Corps	—	1	14	34	45	36	45	34	32	27	15	21
Army Post Office Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms	5,121	14,683	16,922	14,103	11,355	9,667	8,796	9,107	6,487	5,573	5,243	5,918
IN THE COLONIES AND EGYPT.												
Cavalry of the Line ...	106	145	827	1,217	1,196	1,006	653	586	381	197	147	115
Roy. Horse & Field Art.	12	26	106	330	445	386	367	195	216	135	82	61
Royal Garrison Artillery	86	108	409	735	767	709	765	1,091	666	520	367	270
Royal Engineers	55	23	97	271	284	268	227	226	274	272	265	298
Infantry of the Line ...	518	1,079	3,186	4,012	4,536	4,377	3,865	2,923	2,520	1,536	1,167	829
Colonial Corps	51	138	247	367	400	525	464	552	474	373	287	254
Army Service Corps ...	—	2	33	329	199	214	182	181	155	97	95	81
Royal Army Med. Corps	25	7	70	251	368	311	283	192	203	145	96	93
Army Ordnance Corps ...	2	15	112	159	123	138	88	80	76	50	42	31
Army Pay Corps	—	—	2	10	17	18	27	21	17	10	20	13
Army Post Office Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms	855	1,543	5,089	7,681	8,335	7,952	6,921	6,047	4,982	3,335	2,568	2,045
IN INDIA.												
Cavalry of the Line ...	54	28	32	211	503	534	452	392	412	396	265	240
Roy. Horse & Field Art.	49	49	73	407	924	1,006	1,020	1,067	897	865	676	562
Royal Garrison Artillery	21	22	36	123	297	457	480	537	551	454	430	403
Royal Engineers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infantry of the Line ...	301	581	583	2,555	4,406	4,775	4,717	5,760	4,610	4,126	3,493	3,016
Army Ordnance Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	7	8	17	14
All Arms	425	680	724	3,296	6,130	6,772	6,670	7,762	6,477	5,849	4,881	4,235
General Total ...	6,401	16,906	22,735	25,080	25,820	24,385	22,387	22,910	17,946	14,757	12,692	12,198

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several arms of the service at Home, in the Colonies and in India on the January, 1903.

29 to 30 years.	30 to 31 years.	31 to 32 years.	32 to 33 years.	33 to 34 years.	34 to 35 years.	35 to 36 years.	36 to 37 years.	37 to 38 years.	38 to 39 years.	39 to 40 years.	40 to 50 years.	Upwards of 50 years.	Not reported.	Total
62	57	46	40	36	41	24	31	19	19	18	31	1	—	1,404
492	304	256	227	122	80	93	89	61	48	57	49	10	454	15,242
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,468	1,468
491	429	333	260	241	188	151	115	117	84	78	115	6	127	21,610
340	275	236	236	296	262	192	147	123	111	65	208	24	414	9,382
248	237	230	170	151	140	137	115	105	79	73	148	5	1,860	8,237
282	201	139	92	63	58	43	52	35	27	17	37	2	—	9,621
3,349	2,794	1,808	1,261	1,052	805	704	560	368	298	233	342	25	4,019	71,096
195	177	118	84	92	69	53	52	37	29	29	64	—	21	5,591
106	89	49	38	36	34	35	26	30	31	21	65	—	—	2,236
32	34	24	25	31	21	16	11	12	7	6	23	—	41	898
16	29	21	15	9	16	15	9	14	10	10	43	3	—	514
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	327	327
5,613	4,626	3,260	2,448	2,129	1,714	1,463	1,207	921	743	607	1,125	76	8,731	147,626
74	60	49	29	32	22	47	23	22	24	11	16	—	1,127	8,112
50	46	25	17	14	9	18	6	7	2	5	6	—	260	2,826
217	180	150	114	63	69	65	53	42	29	23	44	2	153	7,697
295	229	267	315	203	161	72	55	51	43	31	33	3	—	4,318
717	779	691	792	779	1,025	635	561	511	1,058	625	546	1	7,383	46,651
226	168	136	131	87	76	51	32	39	24	18	41	2	9,760	14,923
95	82	45	63	49	35	53	31	32	33	15	26	—	5	2,132
88	146	63	51	67	45	47	43	41	29	29	47	—	—	2,740
37	28	30	27	28	26	37	19	15	17	14	34	—	—	1,228
17	17	14	14	12	12	12	8	8	6	9	14	—	—	298
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	28
1,816	1,735	1,470	1,553	1,334	1,480	1,037	831	768	1,265	780	807	8	18,716	90,953
187	125	89	48	32	29	33	17	30	12	12	23	—	744	4,900
460	337	217	177	121	107	58	30	31	29	27	29	—	118	9,336
336	294	188	107	73	57	28	27	21	16	16	24	1	85	5,034
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3
2,454	1,439	893	774	444	280	187	160	114	72	70	100	7	7,447	53,369
9	7	6	9	8	5	3	3	2	2	2	6	—	—	115
3,446	2,202	1,398	1,115	678	478	309	237	198	131	127	185	8	8,394	72,807
10,875	8,563	6,128	5,116	4,141	3,672	2,809	2,275	1,887	2,139	1,514	2,117	92	35,841	311,386

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TABLE 4.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the AGES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men serving in each year from 1893 to 1902:—

Years.	Proportion per 1,000 men.								
	Under 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 25 years.	25 to 30 years.	30 to 35 years.	35 to 40 years.	Over 40 years.	Not reported.
1894, 1st Jan.	17	56	97	509	233	59	22	7	—
1895 ,,	17	51	89	528	225	59	23	8	—
1896 ,,	17	46	82	538	226	61	23	7	—
1897 ,,	17	44	77	530	236	63	26	7	—
1898 ,,	18	56	79	513	240	63	24	7	—
1899 ,,	18	58	91	481	257	65	24	6	—
1900 ,, *	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901 ,, *	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902 ,, *	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1903 ,,	21	54	73	387	220	89	34	7	115

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PART VIII.—NATIONALITIES, RELIGIONS, AND EDUCATION.

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TABLE 1.—NATIONALITIES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the several arms of the Service on the 1st January, 1903.

—	English.	Scotch.	Irish.	Born in India or the Colonies.	Foreigners.	Not reported.	Total.
Household Cavalry..	1,207	106	74	16	1	—	1,404
Cavalry of the Line	20,176	2,320	2,343	230	12	3,173	28,254
Imperial Yeomanry	—	—	—	—	—	1,468	1,468
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	25,617	2,106	2,8[illegible]9	714	24	2,412	33,772
Royal Garrison Artillery	14,897	1,402	4,129	545	28	1,162	22,163
Royal Engineers	9,112	969	1,190	195	4	1,088	12,558
Foot Guards..	7,370	769	1,400	67	15	—	9,621
Infantry of the Line	123,135	17,261	21,872	1,501	55	7,292	171,116
Colonial Corps	48	6	11	4,722	486	9,650	14,923
Army Service Corps	6,222	552	840	80	3	26	7,723
Royal Army Medical Corps	3,574	626	735	35	6	—	4,976
Army Ordnance Corps	1,846	131	154	67	2	41	2,241
Army Pay Corps	669	55	70	18	—	—	812
Army Post Office Corps	—	—	—	—	—	355	355
Total	213,873	26,303	35,717	8,190	636	26,667	311,386

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TABLE 2.—NATIONALITIES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men in each year from 1893 to 1902.

Year.	English.	Scotch.	Irish.	Born in India or the Colonies.	Foreigners, &c.	Not reported.	Total.
1894, 1st January ..	159,611	16,742	25,933	3,125	134	370	205,915
1895, ,, ..	162,782	15,973	26,200	2,933	146	639	208,673
1896, ,, ..	163,076	15,800	25,381	3,078	154	1,072	208,561
1897, ,, ..	159,475	16,203	25,664	2,923	150	2,644	207,059
1898, ,, ..	158,648	16,479	26,376	3,027	141	2,236	206,907
1899, ,, ..	164,997	17,280	28,352	3,022	96	1,580	215,327
1900, ,, * ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901, ,, * ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902, ,, * ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1903, ,, ..	213,873	26,303	35,717	8,190	636	26,667	311,386

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TABLE 3.—RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the several arms of the Service on the 1st January, 1903.

—	Church of England.	Presbyterians.	Wesleyans.	Other Protestants.	Roman Catholics.	Jews.	Mahommedans, Hindoos, &c.	Not reported.	Total.
Household Cavalry	1,207	95	36	14	52	—	—	—	1,404
Cavalry of the Line	19,343	1,985	1,132	284	2,325	12	—	3,173	28,254
Imperial Yeomanry	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,468	1,468
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	23,346	1,824	1,786	455	3,918	31	—	2,412	33,772
Royal Garrison Artillery..	13,933	1,091	1,191	279	4,490	16	—	1,163	22,163
Royal Engineers	7,825	943	1,009	370	1,323	—	—	1,088	12,558
Foot Guards	6,900	829	467	112	1,307	6	—	—	9,621
Infantry of the Line	110,129	14,860	7,264	779	30,715	77	—	7,292	171,116
Colonial Corps	1,506	51	323	196	738	—	2,459	9,650	14,923
Army Service Corps	5,456	421	561	227	1,028	4	—	26	7,723
Royal Army Medical Corps	3,278	582	301	127	676	12	—	—	4,976
Army Ordnance Corps	1,604	152	148	83	212	1	—	41	2,241
Army Pay Corps	553	67	66	27	99	—	—	—	812
Army Post Office Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	355	355
Total	195,080	22,900	14,284	2,953	46,883	159	2,459	26,668	311,386

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TABLE 4.—RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men in each year from 1894 to 1902.

Year.	Church of England.	Presbyterians.	Wesleyans.	Other Protestants.	Roman Catholics.	Jews.	Mahommedans, Hindoos, &c.	Not Reported.	Total.	Year.
1894, 1st January ..	141,567	15,146	10,888	1,554	36,390			370	205,915	1894
1895, „	143,917	14,824	11,035	1,554	33,674			699	208,673	1895
1896, „	144,302	14,563	11,134	1,812	35,627			1,123	208,561	1896
1897, „	140,921	14,650	10,950	2,353	35,492			2,693	207,059	1897
1898, „	140,721	14,984	10,835	1,888	36,183			2,296	206,907	1898
1899, „	145,842	15,622	11,170	1,958	39,073			1,662	215,327	1899
1900, „ *	—	—	—	—	—			—	—	1900*
1901, „ *	—	—	—	—	—			—	—	1901*
1902, „ *	—	—	—	—	—			—	—	1902*
1903, „	195,080	22,900	14,284	2,953	46,883	159	2,459	26,668	311,386	1903*

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TABLE 5.—EDUCATIONAL ACQUIREMENTS of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the 1st January, 1903, showing the different arms of the Service.*

—	Total Strength on the 1st January 1903.	Certificates in possession on the 1st January, 1903.				Certificates gained in 1902.			
		1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.
Household Cavalry	1,404	50	443	373	866	4	51	58	113
Cavalry of the Line	28,254	256	2,863	1,811	4,930	34	396	439	869
Imperial Yeomanry	1,468	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	33,772	511	5,189	3,821	9,521	109	830	1,105	2,044
Royal Garrison Artillery	22,163	784	5,147	2,938	8,869	120	690	815	1,625
Royal Engineers	12,558	808	3,616	2,448	6,872	101	390	453	944
Foot Guards	9,621	130	1,218	1,616	2,964	20	146	248	414
Infantry of the Line	171,116	1,885	20,481	16,027	38,393	263	2,393	3,111	5,767
Colonial Corps	14,923	43	440	564	1,047	7	68	196	271
Army Service Corps	7,723	421	1,515	786	2,722	62	227	240	529
Royal Army Medical Corps..	4,976	132	1,181	311	1,624	9	143	115	267
Army Ordnance Corps	2,241	205	746	290	1,241	28	187	168	383
Army Pay Corps	812	393	418	—	811	22	10	—	32
Army Post Office Corps	355	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	311,386	5,618	43,257	30,985	79,860	779	5,531	6,948	13,258

* The numbers in this table are incomplete.

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EDUCATIONAL ACQUIREMENTS.

TABLE 6.—EDUCATIONAL ACQUIREMENTS of the N.C.O.'s and Men in each year from 1894 to 1903.

Year.	Total Strength 1st Jan.	Certificates in possession.				Per-centage of Certificated to Strength.	Certificates gained during year.			
		1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.		1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.
1894	212,413	3,162	41,261	30,650	75,073	35·34	543	6,593	9,143	16,279
1895	214,755	3,770	44,944	30,250	78,964	36·77	653	7,455	9,789	17,897
1896	214,678	4,305	45,588	31,004	80,897	37·68	907	6,879	10,006	17,792
1897	213,148	4,856	48,359	29,899	83,114	38·99	985	7,812	8,983	17,780
1898	213,314	5,766	46,880	27,938	80,584	37·78	1,064	7,075	8,686	16,825
1899	222,373	5,631	48,222	31,289	85,342	38·20	924	7,525	9,969	18,418
*1900	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
*1901	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
*1902	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
*1903	311,386	5,618	43,257	30,985	79,860	25·64	779	5,531	6,948	13,258

* Information incomplete owing to the war.

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PART IX.—HORSES AND MULES.

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PART IX.—HORSES AND MULES.

TABLE 1.—STRENGTH and DISTRIBUTION of the HORSES and MULES, according to the latest returns received on the 1st January, 1903, specifying those on the British and Indian Establishments, and the number required to complete each arm of the service.

—	British Establishment.									Indian Establishment.				General Total.
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards and Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	Unposted Remounts.	All Arms.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	All Arms.	
At Home.														
England	833	3,954	5,513	121	357	285	1,050	—	12,113	—	—	—	—	12,113
Scotland	—	327	37	—	—	8	—	—	372	—	—	—	—	372
Ireland	—	1,695	1,462	—	40	38	226	—	3,461	—	—	—	—	3,461
	833	5,976	7,012	121	397	331	1,276	—	15,946	—	—	—	—	15,946
In the Colonies, &c.														
Egypt	—	419	140	118	4	178	—	—	859	—	—	—	—	859
South Africa	—	16,389	2,910	117	288	8,534	15,920	—	44,158	—	—	—	—	44,158
Malta and Crete	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	8
	—	16,808	3,050	235	292	8,720	15,920	—	45,025	—	—	—	—	45,025
East Indies.														
Punjab	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,308	1,677	725	3,710	3,710
Bengal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,216	1,949	5	3,170	3,170
Madras	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,027	1,368	5	2,400	2,400
Bombay	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	518	1,614	414	2,546	2,546
General Total	833	22,784	10,062	356	689	9,051	17,196	—	60,971	4,069	6,608	1,149	11,826	72,797
Establishment	825	8,197	10,307	342	767	3,240	2,533	—	26,211	4,726	6,893	1,152	12,771	38,982
Wanting to complete	—	—	245	—	78	—	—	—	—	657	285	3	945	—
Supernumerary	8	14,587	—	14	—	5,811	14,663	—	34,760	—	—	—	—	33,815

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TABLE 2.—STRENGTH of the HORSES and MULES in each arm of the Service, according to the latest returns received in each year from 1894 to 1903, specifying those on the British and Indian Establishments.

Year.	British Establishment.									Indian Establishment.				Total.	Year.
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards and Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	Unposted Remounts.	All Arms.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	All Arms.		
1 Jan. 1894	806	6,982	4,381		382	699	1,265	170	14,685	4,475	1,868	6,102	12,445	27,130	1 Jan. 1894
1895	818	6,922	4,357		374	693	1,253	142	14,559	4,583	1,839	5,935	12,357	26,916	1895
1896	818	6,918	4,378		367	653	1,273	190	14,597	4,639	1,155	6,008	12,512	27,109	1896
1897	822	6,993	4,266		394	718	1,272	138	14,603	4,596	1,823	5,882	12,301	26,904	1897
1898	824	7,536	4,589		412	1,459	1,307	154	16,288	4,522	1,840	5,938	12,300	28,588	1898
1899	820	7,654	5,083		408	1,486	1,283	244	16,978	5,539	1,851	5,913	12,303	23,281	1899
1900	862	12,349	10,280	498	607	5,102	1,981	22,984	54,663	3,155	6,161	1,145	10,461	65,124	1900
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	23,394	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1901*
1902*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1902*
1903	833	22,784	10,062	356	689	9,051	17,196	—	60,971	4,069	6,608	1,149	11,826	72,797	1903

* Information incomplete.

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HORSES AND MULES.

TABLE 3.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the HORSES and MULES of each arm of the service on the British Establishment reported during the year 1902.*

—	Effectives on the 1st January, 1902.	Increase.			Decrease.					Effectives on the 30th September, 1903.
		Purchased.	Other causes.	Total.	Dead.	Cast.	Sold to Officers.	Other causes.	Total.	
Household Cavalry ..										
Cavalry of the Line ..										
Royal Horse and Field Artillery										
Royal Garrison Artillery ..										
Royal Engineers ..										
Infantry of the Line and Foot Guards										
Army Service Corps ..										
Unposted Remounts..										
All Arms.. ..										

* This table cannot at present be completed. It will, if possible, be compiled later and the figures will then be inserted in Table 4 next year.

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TABLE 4.—INCREASE and DECREASE of HORSES and MULES on the British Establishment in each year from 1893 to 1902.

Year.	Effectives on the 1st January in each year.	Increase.			Decrease.					Nett Increase.	Nett Decrease.	Effectives on 31st December in each year.
		Purchased.	Other causes.	Total.	Dead.	Cast and Sold.	Sold to Officers.	Other causes.	Total.			
1893 ..	14,757	1,832	—	1,832	338	1,507	28	31	1,904	—	72	14,685
1894 ..	14,685	1,786	—	1,786	378	1,483	43	8	1,912	—	126	14,559
1895 ..	14,559	1,611	1	1,612	305	1,239	30	—	1,574	38	—	14,597
1896 ..	14,597	2,575	—	2,575	423	1,804	39	3[illegible]3	2,[illegible]09	6	—	14,603
1897 ..	14,603	4,100	—	4,100	636	1,592	44	143	2,415	1,685	—	16,288
1898 ..	16,288	3,558	126	3,684	902	2,031	61	—	2,994	690	—	16,[illegible]73
1899 ..	16,978	36,940	3,300	40,210	1,039	1,262	86	168	2,555	37,685	—	54,663
1900* ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901* ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902* ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

* Information incomplete, the figures for the year 1902 will, if possible, be inserted next year.

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TABLE 5.—AGES of the HORSES and MULES in each arm of the Service on the 1st January, 1903, specifying those on the British and Indian Establishments.

	British Establishment.						Indian Establishment.					
	Under 5 years	5 to 9 years.	9 to 13 years.	13 and over.	Not reported.	Total.	Under 5 years.	5 to 9 years.	9 to 13 years.	13 and over.	Not reported.	Total.
Household Cavalry	27	712	74	20	—	833	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line	306	8,692	1,885	732	11,079	22,784	172	2,546	1,081	270	—	4,069
Royal Horse and Field Artillery ..	354	6,756	2,081	641	230	10,062	95	2,630	2,617	1,125	141	6,608
Royal Garrison Artillery	14	153	72	23	94	356	15	469	350	315	—	1,149
Royal Engineers	3	278	322	86	—	689	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infantry of the Line and Foot Guards	186	1,135	493	281	6,956	9,051	—	—	—	—	—	—
Army Service Corps	4	983	229	60	15,920	17,196	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms	984	18,709	5,156	1,843	34,279	60,971	282	5,645	4,048	1,710	141	11,826

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TABLE 6.—AGES of the HORSES and MULES on the British and Indian Establishments in each year from 1894 to 1903.

Year.	British Establishment.						Indian Establishment.					
	Under 5 years.	5 to 9 years.	9 to 13 Years.	13 and over.	Not reported.	Total.	Under 5 years.	5 to 9 Years.	9 to 13 Years.	13 and over.	Not reported.	Total.
1894, 1st January	1,116	5,708	4,510	3,009	342	14,685	457	4,403	4,795	1,795	1,100	12,550
1895 "	1,189	5,580	4,331	3,142	317	14,559	237	4,567	4,937	2,616	—	12,357
1896 "	1,201	5,534	4,405	3,120	337	14,597	138	4,413	5,129	2,832	—	12,512
1897 "	1,107	5,675	4,415	2,994	412	14,603	91	4,092	5,221	2,851	46	12,301
1898 "	1,536	6,968	4,420	2,709	605	16,288	166	4,176	5,144	2,691	123	12,300
1899 "	1,402	8,128	4,321	2,517	610	16,978	158	4,136	5,090	2,823	96	12,303
1900 " *..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901 " *..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902 " *..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1903 "	984	18,709	5,156	1,843	34,279	60,971	282	5,645	4,048	1,710	141	11,826

* Information incomplete.

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PART X.—ARMY RESERVE.

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PART X.—ARMY RESERVE.

TABLE 1.—STRENGTH of the ARMY RESERVE, showing the composition of the force on the first day of each quarter during 1902.

—	Section				Total Army Reserve.	Cavalry.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Royal Malta Artillery.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	All Arms.
	A.	B.	C.	D.														
1st January, 1902 ..	—	1,077	248	1,231	2,556	285	157	770	243	237	500	206	8	102	5	1	42	2,556
1st April	—	1,395	318	1,180	2,893	266	238	724	267	287	720	201	7	133	8	1	41	2,893
1st July	—	7,497	383	1,778	9,658	451	1,695	2,247	721	740	3,067	542	12	136	8	1	38	9,658
1st October.. ..	72	13,301	461	2,205	16,039	684	1,860	2,319	1,111	2,454	6,519	781	111	129	25	7	39	16,039
1st January, 1903 ..	328	28,759	697	3,081	32,865	2,028	2,229	2,652	1,559	3,904	18,656	1,278	328	125	55	8	43	32,865

N.B.—The total strength of the Reserve on 1st April, 1903, was 51,153.

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ARMY RESERVE.

TABLE 2.—STRENGTH of the ARMY RESERVE in each year from 1894 to 1903.

Year.	1st Class Reserve.		Volunteers.	Reserve of 1867. (b)	Reserve of 1859. (c)	2nd Class and Enrolled Pensioners. (d) (e)	Total.
	1870.	1882. (a)					
1 Jan. 1894	71,507	8,842	—	24	33	124	80,530
1895	76,352	6,452	—	20	26	97	82,947
1896	74,259	3,798	—	16	16	79	78,168
1897	70,927	7,173	—	16	7	59	78,182
1898	68,651	13,354	—	12	2	44	82,063
1899	62,034	16,764	—	11	—	30	78,839
1900	10,503	13,856	—	9	—	20	24,388
1901	1,264	1,983	2,163*	9	—	15	5,434
1902	1,325	1,231	—	7	—	10	2,573
1903	29,784	3,081	—	—	—	7	32,872

(a) Established by Royal Warrant, 21st March, 1883 (Clause 62 of Army Circulars, 1883).

(b) Enrolment suspended, 23rd February, 1869.

(c) Enrolment suspended, 18th August, 1866.

(d) Enrolled pensioners merged in the 2nd Class Army Reserve under the Army Reserve Regulations, dated 9th May, 1868.

(e) Enrolment of pensioners discontinued (Clause 68 of Army Circulars, 1881), and men over 50 years of age, as well as men under that age unfit for further service, struck off strength.

* These men were enlisted under A.O. 29 of 1900.

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PART X.

ARMY RESERVE.

TABLE 3.—TRANSFERS from the Regular Army to the Army Reserve during 1903.

Services.	Transfers from											
	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Royal Malta Artillery.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	All Arms.
3 to 4 years ..	2	26	—	348	1,500	1,207	8	246	125	—	—	3,462
4 to 5 years ..	1	22	—	65	167	313	5	183	—	—	—	756
5 to 6 years ..	25	34	80	51	71	154	14	119	1	3	—	552
6 to 7 years ..	—	306	66	98	231	19	4	52	1	—	—	777
7 to 8 years ..	426	458	640	165	618	4,821	20	65	56	9	3	7,281
8 to 9 years ..	822	354	687	171	399	5,132	1	104	91	34	3	7,798
9 to 10 years ..	475	383	564	164	542	3,632	—	88	24	6	1	5,879
10 to 11 years ..	396	344	492	110	210	3,236	1	104	20	2	1	4,916
After 11 years ..	569	293	403	33	147	3,285	1	100	6	2	—	4,839
Not reported ..	245	—	—	39	—	253	28	6	—	—	—	571
Total	2,961	2,220	2,932	1,244	3,885	22,052	82	1,067	324	56	8	36,831

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TABLE 4.—SERVICES of MEN transferred or relegated from the Regular Army to the Army Reserve during each year from 1893 to 1902.

Year.	Services of Men transferred.									Total transferred to Army Reserve.	Year.
	Under 3 years.	After 3 years.	After 4 years.	After 5 years.	After 6 years.	After 7 years.	After 8 or more years.	Service not stated.	Relegated.		
1893	79	650	30	436	656	13,003	2,248	9	167	17,278	1893
1894	110	683	29	442	381	10,905	3,576	—	103	16,229	1894
1895	110	805	29	589	478	9,012	3,484	—	72	14,609	1895
1896	137	631	29	532	351	9,641	2,553	—	49	13,923	1896
1897	141	593	15	544	301	12,642	2,495	6	67	16,804	1897
1898	155	696	17	428	321	12,146	2,388	—	69	16,220	1898
1899*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1899*
1900*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1900*
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1901*
1902	—	3,462	756	552	777	7,281	23,432	571	—	36,831	1902

* Information incomplete owing to the war.

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ARMY RESERVE.

TABLE 5.—AGES of the MEN composing the ARMY RESERVE on the 1st January, 1903.

	Under 30 years of age.	30 to 35 years.	35 to 40 years.	Over 40 years.	Total.
Cavalry of the Line	1,372	599	55	2	2,028
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	1,309	819	101	—	2,229
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	999	1,241	396	16	2,652
Royal Engineers	840	540	140	39	1,559
Foot Guards	3,227	568	107	2	3,904
Infantry of the Line	14,520	3,815	280	11	18,656
Army Service Corps	877	346	54	1	1,278
Royal Malta Artillery	103	21	1	—	125
Army Ordnance Corps.. ..	36	19	—	—	55
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	257	62	8	1	328
Army Pay Corps	4	4	—	—	8
Army Post Office Corps ..	32	8	3	—	43
Total	23,576	8,072	1,145	72	32,865

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TABLE 6.—YEARS in which the services of the Men composing the Army Reserve on the 1st January, 1903, will expire.

—	Men of Sections A, B and C.												Men of Section D.				Total.
	During 1903.	During 1904.	During 1905.	During 1906.	During 1907.	During 1908.	During 1909.	During 1910.	During 1911.	During 1912.	During 1913.	Total.	During 1903.	During 1904.	During 1905.	During 1906.	
Cavalry of the Line	262	185	426	727	264	8	16	9	1	1	—	1,899	60	6	2	52	2,028
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	335	324	276	412	395	14	22	3	3	11	1	1,796	123	21	8	281	2,229
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	407	371	493	563	340	6	2	1	—	—	—	2,183	292	26	33	118	2,652
Royal Engineers	178	203	191	287	188	165	34	56	106	—	—	1,408	74	2	7	68	1,559
Foot Guards	232	278	316	320	341	153	527	708	819	—	—	3,694	123	9	3	75	3,904
Infantry of the Line	1,918	1,299	3,556	5,894	2,612	45	67	1,436	441	—	—	17,268	240	109	57	982	18,656
Army Service Corps	107	81	98	97	61	52	110	176	217	—	—	999	67	14	8	190	1,278
Royal Malta Artillery	16	20	21	17	23	14	6	1	5	2	—	125	—	—	—	—	125
Army Ordnance Corps	2	4	4	33	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	52	—	—	—	3	55
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	9	7	30	85	41	2	10	113	12	—	—	309	1	—	—	18	328
Army Pay Corps	—	1	1	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	8
Army Post Office Corps	2	4	11	25	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	43	—	—	—	—	43
All Arms	3,468	2,777	5,423	8,464	4,276	460	794	2,503	1,604	14	1	29,784	989	187	118	1,787	32,865

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TABLE 1.—GENERAL STATE of the MILITIA on the 1st July, 1902.*

—	By Ranks.											By Countries.				By Arms.					
		Permanent Staff.																			
	Officers.	Warrant Officers.	Sergeants.	Corporals & Bombardiers.	Drummers.	Gunners & Drivers.	Sergeants.	Corporals, Bombardiers and 2nd Corporals.	Buglers.	Gunners, Drivers, Sappers, and Privates.	Total.	English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Total.	Field Artillery.	Garrison Artillery.	Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Total.
Embodied	720	32	631	—	221	—	846	1,268	—	19,879	23,597	19,411	2,734	1,452	23,597	—	226	103	22,557	711	23,597
Disembodied	2,244	127	2,180	21	857	80	2,264	3,954	—	78,739	90,466	61,761	10,045	18,660	90,466	483	15,748	2,302	71,861	72	90,466
Number enrolled ..	2,964	159	2,811	21	1,078	80	3,110	5,222	—	93,618	114,063	81,172	12,779	20,112	114,063	483	15,974	2,405	94,418	783	114,063
Establishment, as laid down in Army Orders	3,798	162	2,936	19	1,457	76	2,938	5,561	9	115,661	132,617	87,451	16,030	29,136	132,617	432	18,940	2,352	109,974	919	132,617
Wanting to complete	834	3	125	—	379	—	—	339	9	17,043	18,554	6,279	3,251	9,024	18,554	—	2,966	—	15,556	136	18,554
Supernumerary ..	—	—	—	2	—	4	172	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	53	—	—	—

* This date is taken as being in the middle of the trainings.

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TABLE 2.—ENROLLED STRENGTH of the MILITIA at the dates of the inspections of the several corps in each year from 1893 to 1902.

Year.	By Ranks.											By Countries.				By Arms.					
	Officers.	Permanent Staff.					Sergeants.	Corporals, Bombardiers and 2nd Corporals.	Buglers.	Privates.	All Ranks.	English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Total.	Field Artillery.	Garrison Artillery	Engineers.	Infantry.	Medical Staff Corps.	All Arms.
		Warrant Officers.	Sergeants.	Corporals and Bombardiers.	Drummers.	Gunners & Drivers.															
1893	3,351	—	3,084	—	1,181	—	2,280	5,010	—	109,786	124,692	84,414	15,477	24,801	124,692	—	16,742	2,137	105,637	176	124,692
1894	3,270	—	3,057	—	1,195	—	2,311	4,994	—	106,840	121,667	81,803	14,931	24,933	121,667	—	16,487	2,053	102,846	281	121,667
1895	3,223	—	3,075	—	1,176	—	2,311	4,987	—	103,012	117,789	78,418	14,849	24,522	117,789	—	16,460	2,060	99,003	261	117,789
1896	3,187	—	3,074	—	1,178	—	2,304	4,979	—	103,051	117,773	77,720	14,783	25,270	117,773	—	16,928	1,910	98,650	285	117,773
1897	3,051	—	3,062	—	1,158	—	2,305	4,937	—	100,075	114,588	74,759	14,127	25,702	114,588	—	16,999	2,024	95,173	392	114,588
1898	3,097	—	3,030	—	1,159	—	2,252	4,886	—	99,015	113,439	73,659	13,684	26,096	113,439	—	16,886	2,098	94.114	341	113,439
1899	3,036	—	2,979	—	1,140	—	2,225	4,785	—	95,386	109,551	70,583	12,988	25,980	109,551	—	16,419	2,045	90,784	273	109,551
1900*	3,265	—	3,014	—	1,104	—	2,820	4,828	3	81,191	96,225	65,070	10,953	20,202	96,225	—	15,124	2,009	78,940	152	96,225
1901*	3,123	151	2,744	25	1,066	85	3,283	5,131	—	91,064	105,672	74,253	11,316	20,103	105,672	503	15,396	2,232	87,306	235	105,672
1902*	2,964	159	2,811	21	1,078	80	3,110	5,222	—	98,618	114,063	81,172	12,779	20,112	114,063	483	15,974	2,405	94,418	733	114,063

* Strength on 1st July.

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TABLE 3.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the MILITIA (exclusive of Officers and Permanent Staff) between 1st January, 1902, and 1st January, 1903, by Countries and by Arms.

—	Countries.			Arms.					Total.
	English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Field Artillery.	Garrison Artillery.	Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	
Strength, 1st January, 1902	72,764	11,182	18,899	307	14,075	1,959	85,936	568	102,845
Enlisted	32,363	4,451	4,672	95	4,666	661	35,560	504	41,486
Re-enlisted	1,446	435	1,105	—	532	48	2,406	—	2,986
Rejoined from Desertion	849	227	148	4	138	13	1,039	30	1,224
Re-transfers from Regular Army	4,685	516	1,467	—	—	—	6,630	38	6,668
Other causes (net) ..	69	—	43	18	43	7	—	—	18
Total Increase..	39,412	5,629	7,435	117	5,379	729	45,635	572	52,382
Died	492	96	118	2	107	10	579	8	706
Discharged	15,764	2,183	4,706	60	2,722	375	19,354	142	22,653
Deserted, and Absentees struck off	7,877	1,348	1,229	70	1,372	158	8,825	29	10,454
To Regular Army ..	14,773	1,585	2,015	60	1,545	169	16,520	79	18,373
To Royal Navy and Royal Marines	576	24	21	1	61	7	548	4	621
Other causes (net) ..	—	94	—	—	—	—	4	46	—
Total Decrease ..	39,482	5,330	8,089	193	5,807	719	45,830	308	52,807
Net Increase ..	—	299	—	—	—	10	—	264	—
Net Decrease ..	70	—	654	76	428	—	195	—	425
Strength, 1st January, 1903	72,694	11,481	18,245	231	13,647	1,969	85,741	832	102,420

N.B.—The figures in this table represent the increase and decrease of the Militia as reported *in the returns received month by month* during 1902, and do not in every case correspond with the actual number of recruits and casualties during the year as shown in tables 5 and 6.

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TABLE 4.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the Militia (exclusive of Officers and Permanent Staff) during the years from 1893 to 1902.

Year.	Number Enrolled.	Increase.						Decrease.						Number Enrolled.
		Recruits enlisted.	Re-enlisted men.	From Desertion.	Retransferred from Regular Army.	Other causes.	Total.	Died.	Discharged.	Deserted.	Joined Regular Army R. Navy, and R. Marines.	Other causes.	Total.	
1893, 1st January	108,288	45,771	3,161	1,489	—	—	50,421	335	16,102	14,048	14,799	95	45,379	113,330
1894 „ ..	113,330	33,205	1,871	1,380	—	—	36,456	472	16,513	10,507	13,787	115	41,394	108,392
1895 „ ..	108,392	35,148	1,947	949	—	—	38,044	422	16,996	7,643	12,900	125	38,086	108,350
1896 „ ..	108,350	35,412	2,230	765	—	—	38,407	399	18,165	7,581	12,643	91	38,879	107,878
1897 „ ..	107,878	38,246	1,760	902	—	—	40,908	412	19,647	8,417	14,751	28	43,255	105,531
1898 „ ..	105,531	40,108	2,019	886	—	—	43,013	383	19,808	8,716	15,963	27	44,897	103,647
1899 „ ..	103,647	40,653	2,012	1,069	—	—	43,734	503	22,020	10,144	16,396	188	49,251	98,130
1900 „ ..	98,130	37,853	1,342	2,449	1,222	—	42,866	813	12,064	11,920	23,165	293	48,255	92,741
1901 „ ..	92,741	37,614	1,212	1,179	3,537	—	43,572	852	13,561	3,366	15,662	27	33,468	102,845
1902 „ ..	102,845	41,486	2,986	1,224	6,668	18	52,382	706	22,653	10,454	18,994	—	52,807	102,420

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TABLE 5.—AGES of the RECRUITS who joined the MILITIA during the year 1902.

Arm.	Country.	Ages of Recruits joined.										
		Under 17 years.	17 to 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	21 to 22 years.	22 to 23 years.	23 to 24 years.	24 to 25 years.	Over 25 years	Total.
Field Artillery...	England	—	6	56	14	9	12	—	2	1	8	108
Garrison Artillery...	England	33	484	597	377	239	192	187	154	208	495	2,966
	Scotland	5	103	82	54	46	48	40	51	52	184	665
	Ireland...	31	197	147	120	91	52	69	58	69	180	1,017
	Total ...	72	734	826	551	376	292	296	263	329	859	4,648
Engineers ...	England	6	110	107	58	48	29	27	33	29	206	653
Infantry ...	England	517	9,982	8,342	3,393	1,876	1,163	770	647	503	828	28,021
	Scotland	64	1,261	950	431	227	224	144	111	137	208	3,757
	Ireland...	350	1,438	744	258	152	134	102	89	82	123	3,472
	Total ...	931	12,681	10,036	4,082	2,255	1,521	1,016	847	722	1,159	35,250
Royal Army Medical Corps	England	—	128	132	43	26	19	6	7	10	18	389
	Ireland...	22	63	66	24	22	6	4	3	9	—	219
	Total ...	22	191	198	67	48	25	10	10	19	18	608
All Arms ...	England	556	10,710	9,234	3,885	2,198	1,415	990	843	771	1,555	32,137
	Scotland	69	1,364	1,032	485	273	272	184	162	189	392	4,422
	Ireland...	406	1,698	957	402	265	192	175	150	160	303	4,708
	Total ...	1,031	13,772	11,223	4,772	2,736	1,879	1,349	1,155	1,100	2,250	41,267

N.B.—*See* footnote at page 81.

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TABLE 6.—SERVICES of the MEN who DESERTED and who were STRUCK OFF as ABSENTEES from the MILITIA during 1902.

Arm.	Country.	Under 1 year's service.	1 and under 2 years' service.	2 and under 3 years' service.	3 and under 4 years' service.	4 and under 5 years' service.	5 years' service and upwards.	Total Desertions.
Field Artillery	England ..	14	51	4	1	—	—	70
Garrison Artillery	England ..	208	175	95	33	42	49	602
	Scotland ..	137	72	42	29	10	28	318
	Ireland ..	60	93	84	85	50	80	452
	Total	405	340	221	147	102	157	1,372
Engineers	England ..	30	67	24	3	11	21	156
Infantry	England ..	3,611	1,649	688	304	210	158	6,620
	Scotland ..	735	164	67	33	21	47	1,067
	Ireland ..	280	196	95	86	48	77	782
	Total	4,626	2,009	850	423	279	282	8,469
Royal Army Medical Corps	England ..	7	3	1	1	—	—	12
	Ireland ..	17	1	—	—	—	—	18
All Arms	England ..	3,870	1,945	812	342	263	228	7,460
	Scotland ..	872	236	109	62	31	75	1,385
	Ireland ..	357	290	179	171	98	157	1,252
	Total ..	5,099	2,471	1,100	575	392	460	10,097

N.B.—*See* footnote at page 81. The services of men who deserted abroad are included in this table.

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TABLE 7.—NUMBER of COURTS-MARTIAL, and NUMBER of MEN of the MILITIA tried, during 1902.

Arm.	Country.	Number of Men tried.				Number of Trials.			
		Once.	Twice.	Three times.	Total.	General Courts-Martial.	District Courts-Martial.	Regimental Courts-Martial.	Total.
Field Artillery	England ..	10	1	—	11	—	6	6	12
Garrison Artillery	England ..	40	—	—	40	—	26	14	40
	Scotland ..	22	—	—	22	—	5	17	22
	Ireland ..	55	—	—	55	—	38	17	55
	Total ..	117	—	—	117	—	69	48	117
Engineers ..	England ..	19	—	—	19	—	12	7	19
Infantry ..	England ..	828	10	1	839	238	479	134	851
	Scotland ..	114	—	—	114	44	53	17	114
	Ireland ..	94	1	—	95	30	53	13	96
	Total ..	1,036	11	1	1,048	312	585	164	1,061
Royal Army Medical Corps	England ..	17	1	—	18	1	18	—	19
	Ireland ..	8	—	—	8	—	8	—	8
All Arms ..	England ..	914	12	1	927	239	541	161	941
	Scotland ..	136	—	—	136	44	58	34	136
	Ireland ..	157	1	—	158	30	99	30	159
	Total ..	1,267	13	1	1,221	313	698	225	1,236

Courts-martial abroad are included in these numbers.

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TABLE 8.—OFFENCES for which the MEN of the MILITIA were tried by COURTS-MARTIAL during 1902, showing the PUNISHMENTS inflicted.

Arm.	Country.	Number of Courts-Martial.	Offences for which the men were tried.														Acquitted.	Punishments inflicted.							Pardoned.	Sentences wholly remitted.	Sentences quashed.
			Mutiny.	Offences in relation to Desertion.	Offences in relation to Fraudulent Enlistment.	Offences in relation to Enlistment.	Violence and Disobedience to Superiors.	Minor Insubordination and Neglect of Orders.	Quitting or Sleeping on Post.	Drunk on Duty.	Drunkenness.	Disgraceful Conduct.	Absence without leave.	Making away with Necessaries.	Miscellaneous.	Total of Offences.		Penal Servitude.	Reduction to a lower grade or to the Ranks.	Reduction and Imprisonment.	Stoppages, Fine or Forfeiture, without other Punishment.	Imprisonment with or without hard labour.	Discharged with Ignominy without other Punishment.	Total of Punishments inflicted.			
Field Artillery ...		12	—	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	1	12	—	—	5	—	—	7	—	12	—	—	—
Garrison Artillery	England	40	—	12	3	3	2	3	—	5	6	2	6	5	1	48	—	—	14	1	—	23	—	38	—	2	—
	Scotland	22	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	6	9	—	4	1	1	24	—	—	20	—	—	1	—	21	—	1	—
	Ireland	55	—	18	1	—	2	5	1	10	7	—	12	1	—	57	—	—	18	1	—	36	—	55	—	—	—
	Total	117	—	31	4	3	4	10	1	21	22	2	22	7	2	129	—	—	52	2	—	60	—	114	—	3	—
Engineers	England	19	—	1	—	—	3	—	—	5	4	—	4	1	5	23	—	—	9	—	—	10	—	19	—	—	—
Infantry	England	851	—	235	20	12	77	49	102	61	68	8	151	115	98	996	14	1	106	26	13	670	1	817	—	9	11
	Scotland	114	—	9	1	—	16	6	15	41	10	1	6	9	39	153	3	—	23	6	2	78	—	109	—	1	1
	Ireland	96	—	24	3	1	7	6	1	9	25	2	16	2	7	103	1	—	14	1	18	58	1	92	—	2	1
	Total	1,061	—	268	24	13	100	61	118	111	103	11	173	126	144	1,252	18	1	143	33	33	806	2	1,018	—	12	13
Royal Army Medical Corps ...	England	19	—	5	2	—	5	—	—	2	4	—	5	1	2	26	—	—	4	—	1	14	—	19	—	—	—
	Ireland	8	—	6	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	11	1	—	—	—	—	7	—	7	—	—	—
All Arms	England	941	—	256	25	15	90	52	102	73	82	10	171	122	107	1,105	14	1	138	27	14	724	1	905	—	11	11
	Scotland	136	—	10	1	—	16	8	15	47	19	1	10	10	40	177	3	—	43	6	2	79	—	130	—	2	1
	Ireland	159	—	48	4	1	10	11	2	19	32	2	29	6	7	171	2	—	32	2	18	101	1	154	—	2	1
	Total	1,236	—	314	30	16	116	71	119	139	133	13	210	138	154	1,453	19	1	213	35	34	904	2	1,189	—	15	13

The statistics of trials which took place abroad are included above.

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TABLE 9.—NUMBER of MEN of the MILITIA fined for DRUNKENNESS and the NUMBER of FINES inflicted, also the NUMBER of SUMMARY and MINOR PUNISHMENTS, including FINES for DRUNKENNESS, inflicted by COMMANDING OFFICERS during the year 1902.

Arm.	Country.	Number of men fined for Drunkenness.							Number of Cases of Fines inflicted for Drunkenness.
		Once.	Twice.	Three times.	Four times.	Five times.	Six times.	Total of Men fined.	
Field Artillery ..	England ..	6	1	—	—	—	—	7	8
Garrison Artillery ..	England ..	249	27	3	1	—	—	280	316
	Scotland ..	55	7	1	—	—	—	63	72
	Ireland ..	142	14	4	—	—	—	160	182
	Total ..	446	48	8	1	—	—	503	570
Engineers ..	England ..	95	11	6	2	1	—	115	148
Infantry	England ..	556	110	31	13	3	2	715	948
	Scotland ..	257	49	16	5	—	1	328	429
	Ireland ..	144	29	10	—	—	—	183	232
	Total ..	957	188	57	18	3	3	1,226	1,609
Royal Army Medical Corps	England ..	7	—	—	—	—	—	7	7
	Ireland ..	1	2	1	—	—	—	4	8
All Arms ..	England ..	913	149	40	16	4	2	1,124	1,427
	Scotland ..	312	56	17	5	—	1	391	501
	Ireland ..	287	45	15	—	—	—	347	422
	Total ..	1,512	250	72	21	4	3	1,862	2,350

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TABLE 10.—YEARS in which the Terms of Service of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN (exclusive of the Permanent Staff) of the MILITIA enrolled on 1st January, 1903, will expire.

Arm.	Country.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	Total.
Field Artillery ..	England	11	7	21	29	97	66	—	231
Garrison Artillery	England	901	1,024	1,027	925	840	1,835	—	6,552
	Scotland	341	363	433	499	335	454	—	2,425
	Ireland	829	825	888	822	596	710	—	4,670
	Total	2,071	2,212	2,348	2,246	1,771	2,999	—	13,647
Engineers	England	232	283	240	382	384	448	—	1,969
Infantry ..	England	6,774	8,793	9,304	10,521	10,651	17,055	253	63,351
	Scotland	1,252	1,225	1,402	1,322	1,630	2,223	2	9,056
	Ireland	2,304	2,447	2,168	2,188	1,739	2,384	104	13,334
	Total	10,330	12,465	12,874	14,031	14,020	21,662	359	85,741
Royal Army Medical Corps	England	15	45	48	74	159	250	—	591
	Ireland	—	—	1	1	116	123	—	241
All Arms	England	7,933	10,152	10,640	11,931	12,131	19,654	253	72,694
	Scotland	1,593	1,588	1,835	1,821	1,965	2,677	2	11,481
	Ireland	3,133	3,272	3,057	3,011	2,451	3,217	104	18,245
	Total	12,659	15,012	15,532	16,763	16,547	25,548	359	102,420

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TABLE 11.—AGES of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN serving in the MILITIA (including the Permanent Staff) on 1st January, 1903.

Arm.	Country.	Ages. Under 17 years.	17 to 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 25 years.	25 to 30 years.	30 to 35 years.	Over 35 years.	Total.
Field Artillery ..	England	—	3	21	44	163	48	35	26	340
Garrison Artillery	England	22	233	468	450	1,884	1,258	1,117	1,415	6,847
	Scotland	16	47	81	112	573	613	504	587	2,533
	Ireland	63	198	230	248	1,068	1,002	958	1,146	4,913
	Total	101	478	779	810	3,525	2,873	2,579	3,148	14,293
Engineers .. .	England	11	37	114	159	550	456	378	373	2,078
Infantry ..	England	222	6,563	10,141	7,826	21,182	8,186	5,466	5,831	65,417
	Scotland	43	779	922	1,028	3,153	1,294	997	1,190	9,406
	Ireland	101	1,275	1,305	1,079	3,958	2,234	1,862	2,154	13,968
	Total	366	8,617	12,368	9,933	28,293	11,714	8,325	9,175	88,791
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	England	2	122	154	100	152	38	14	18	600
	Ireland	—	53	44	74	69	—	2	1	243
All Arms ..	England	257	6,958	10,898	8,579	23,931	9,906	7,010	7,663	75,282
	Scotland	59	826	1,003	1,140	3,726	1,907	1,501	1,777	11,939
	Ireland	164	1,526	1,579	1,401	5,095	3,236	2,822	3,301	19,124
	Total	480	9,310	13,480	11,120	32,752	15,129	11,333	12,741	106,345
Militia Reserve (included above)	Field Artillery	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
	Garrison Artillery	—	—	—	4	603	894	731	327	2,564
	Engineers	—	—	—	—	14	69	70	23	176
	Infantry	—	—	—	82	1,814	2,414	1,752	944	7,006
	Medical Staff Corps	—	—	—	1	19	7	2	2	31
Total		—	—	—	87	2,455	3,385	2,555	1,296	9,778

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TABLE 12.—AGES of the Men of the Militia (including the Permanent Staff) in each year from 1893 to 1902.

Year.	Militia.								Militia Reserve (included in foregoing numbers).					
	Under 17 years.	17 to 19 years.	19 to 25 years.	25 to 30 years.	30 to 35 years.	Over 35 years.	Not reported.	Total.	19 to 25 years.	25 to 30 years.	30 to 35 years.	Over 35 years.	Not reported.	Total.
1893, 1st Jan. ..	952	23,459	39,173	19,275	15,651	13,916	—	112,426	11,135	9,767	7,801	1,714	—	30,417
1894 „ ..	827	22,776	42,458	19,916	16,160	15,363	—	117,500	10,692	9,971	7,778	1,662	—	30,103
1895 „ ..	798	19,770	42,155	19,077	15,286	15,458	—	112,544	10,867	9,950	7,801	1,641	—	30,259
1896 „ ..	804	20,918	41,252	19,346	15,065	15,126	—	112,511	11,020	10,192	7,561	1,810	—	30,583
1897 „ ..	769	20,317	41,895	18,695	15,235	15,118	—	112,029	10,764	10,111	7,728	1,771	—	30,374
1898 „ ..	793	21,048	39,088	18,708	15,001	14,990	—	109,628	10,598	10,120	7,610	1,633	—	29,961
1899 „ ..	782	21,937	37,602	17,917	14,904	14,611	—	107,753	10,795	9,718	7,837	1,646	—	29,996
1900 „ ..	831	19,606	32,875	16,788	14,027	13,140	4,898	102,165	8,551	8,429	6,902	1,548	478	25,908
1901 „ ..	737	18,383	29,791	12,292	10,871	10,855	13,691	96,620	3,288	3,474	2,870	711	3,516	13,889
1902 „ ..	663	19,720	40,738	14,837	11,189	13,111	6,616	106,874	3,186	3,907	2,930	1,107	1,648	12,778
1903 „ ..	480	22,790	43,872	15,129	11,333	12,741	—	106,345	2,542	3,385	2,555	1,296	—	9,778

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TABLE 13.—NATIONALITIES of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN (inclusive of the Permanent Staff) of the MILITIA on the 1st January, 1903.

Arm.	Country.	English.			Scotch.			Irish.			Total.
		Born in County in which Corps is localized.	Born in other Counties.	Total.	Born in County in which Corps is localized.	Born in other Counties.	Total.	Born in County in which Corps is localized.	Born in other Counties.	Total.	
Field Artillery ..	England ..	306	6	312	—	8	8	—	20	20	340
Garrison Artillery ..	England ..	3,953	2,430	6,383	—	143	143	—	321	321	6,847
	Scotland ..	—	208	208	1,661	416	2,077	—	248	248	2,533
	Ireland ..	—	245	245	—	93	93	3,974	601	4,575	4,913
	Total ..	3,953	2,883	6,836	1,661	652	2,313	3,974	1,170	5,144	14,293
Engineers ..	England ..	1,056	845	1,901	—	55	55	—	122	122	2,078
Infantry ..	England ..	46,496	13,614	60,110	—	945	945	—	4,362	4,362	65,417
	Scotland ..	—	552	552	5,365	2,545	7,910	—	944	944	9,406
	Ireland ..	—	358	358	—	68	68	10,733	2,809	13,542	13,968
	Total ..	46,496	14,524	61,020	5,365	3,558	8,923	10,733	8,115	18,848	88,791
Royal Army Medical Corps	England ..	345	223	568	—	19	19	—	13	13	600
	Ireland ..	—	8	8	—	4	4	84	147	231	243
	Total ..	345	231	576	—	23	23	84	160	244	843
All Arms	England ..	52,156	17,118	69,274	—	1,170	1,170	—	4,838	4,838	75,282
	Scotland ..	—	760	760	7,026	2,961	9,987	—	1,192	1,192	11,939
	Ireland ..	—	611	611	—	165	165	14,791	3,557	18,348	19,124
	Total ..	52,156	18,489	70,645	7,026	4,296	11,322	14,791	9,587	24,378	106,345

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TABLE 14.—RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN (inclusive of the Permanent Staff) of the MILITIA, on the 1st January, 1903.

Arm.	Country.	Church of England.	Presbyterians.	Wesleyans.	Other Protestants not included in the foregoing.	Roman Catholics.	Jews.	Total.
Field Artillery	England ..	214	8	9	2	76	31	340
Garrison Artillery	England ..	4,539	117	486	175	1,526	4	6,847
	Scotland ..	251	1,241	16	5	1,019	1	2,533
	Ireland ..	597	195	28	1	4,092	—	4,913
	Total ..	5,387	1,553	530	181	6,637	5	14,293
Engineers ..	England ..	1,258	31	156	87	546	—	2,078
Infantry	England ..	48,368	351	3,283	538	12,797	80	65,417
	Scotland ..	955	5,494	18	28	2,909	2	9,406
	Ireland ..	1,810	371	34	13	11,740	—	13,968
	Total ..	51,133	6,216	3,335	579	27,446	82	88,791
Royal Army Medical Corps	England ..	485	12	41	16	37	9	600
	Ireland ..	55	59	3	—	126	—	243
All Arms	England ..	54,864	519	3,975	818	14,982	124	75,282
	Scotland ..	1,206	6,735	34	33	3,928	3	11,939
	Ireland ..	2,462	625	65	14	15,958	—	19,124
	Total ..	58,532	7,879	4,074	865	34,868	127	106,315

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PART XII.—IMPERIAL YEOMANRY.

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PART XII.—IMPERIAL YEOMANRY.*

Table 1.—General State of the Imperial Yeomanry at the dates of the annual inspections of the several corps during the year 1892

—	By Ranks.						By Countries.		
	Officers.	Permanent Staff Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Trumpeters.	Rank and File.	Total all Ranks.	English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Total.
Present at inspection	889	239	1,381	277	16,784	19,570	17,903	1,667	19,570
Absent from inspection :									
With leave..	99	4	104	7	1,623	1,837	1,643	194	1,837
Without leave	1	—	3	5	424	433	403	30	433
Number enrolled..	989	243	1,488	289	18,831	21,840	19,949	1,891	21,840
Establishment	1,593	295	2,065	472	30,739	35,164†	†	†	35,164
Wanting to complete	604	52	577	183	11,908	13,324	†	†	13,324

* Exclusive of Imperial Yeomanry in South Africa who are included in the strength of the Regular Army.

† Eight regiments not yet formed are included in the Establishment.

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TABLE 2.—ENROLLED STRENGTH of the IMPERIAL YEOMANRY at the dates of the annual inspections of the several corps in each year from 1893 to 1902.

Year.	By Ranks.					By Countries.		
	Officers.	Permanent Staff-Serjeants and Serjeants.	Trumpeters.	Rank and File.	All Ranks.	English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Total.
1893, dates of inspections ..								
1894, " " ..	640	1,069	170	8,135	10,014	9,087	927	10,014
1895, " " ..	622	1,056	192	7,875	9,745	8,862	883	9,745
1896, " " ..	639	1,042	187	8,316	10,184*	9,250	934	10,184
1897, " " ..	636	1,058	190	8,307	10,191	9,255	936	10,191
1898, " " ..	647	1,033	190	8,337	10,207	9,277	930	10,207
1899, " " ..	654	1,053	184	8,223	10,114	9,234	880	10,114
1900, " " ..	554	973	170	8,450	10,147†	9,321	826	10,147
1901, " " ..	715	1,151	174	11,161	13,201†	12,194	1,007	13,201
1902, " " ..	989	1,731	289	18,831	21,840†	19,949	1,891	21,840

* One regiment and one squadron not inspected in 1896, but enrolled strength on 1st July included.

† Exclusive of number serving with the Imperial Yeomanry in South Africa.

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IMPERIAL YEOMANRY.

TABLE 3.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the IMPERIAL YEOMANRY during 1902.

—	All Ranks (including Permanent Staff).		
	English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Total.
Enrolled strength on 1st January, 1902	15,804	1,592	17,396
Enrolled	8,243	602	8,845
Rejoined from S. Africa	365	25	390
Transfers from regular army (permanent staff)	60	5	65
Total Increase	8,668	632	9,300
Died	53	1	54
Dismissed for misconduct ..	43	4	47
Struck off for absence from training, &c.	178	9	187
Enlisted into regular army ..	339	27	366
Voluntarily quitted	2,865	165	3,030
Died (permanent staff)	2	—	2
Discharged (permanent staff) ..	23	2	25
Transferred to regular army (permanent staff)	7	1	8
Other causes	35	—	35
Total Decrease	3,545	209	3,754
Net Increase	5,123	423	5,546
Enrolled strength on 1st January, 1903	20,927	2,015	22,942

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YEOMANRY CAVALRY.

TABLE 4.—AGES of the ENROLLED MEMBERS of the YEOMANRY CAVALRY on the 1st January, 1903.

—	English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Total.
17 and under 18 years	338	21	
18 „ 19 „	1,325	130	
19 „ 20 „	1,740	168	
20 „ 21 „	1,852	176	
21 „ 22 „	1,846	190	
22 „ 23 „	1,722	185	
23 „ 24 „	1,538	157	
24 „ 25 „	1,354	136	
25 „ 26 „	1,250	115	
26 „ 27 „	1,075	102	
27 „ 28 „	905	90	
28 „ 29 „	843	76	
29 „ 30 „	798	93	
30 „ 35 „	1,916	156	
35 „ 40 „	1,171	95	
40 „ 45 „	716	54	
45 „ 50 „	357	48	
50 years and upwards	181	23	
Total..	20,927	2,015	

TABLE 5.—PAST SERVICE of the ENROLLED MEMBERS of the YEOMANRY CAVALRY on the 1st January, 1903.

—	English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Total.
Under 1 year	7,419	518	
1 and under 2 years	6,268	642	
2 „ 3 „	2,114	311	
3 „ 4 „	1,042	89	
4 „ 5 „	752	66	
5 „ 6 „	559	57	
6 „ 7 „	407	49	
7 „ 8 „	363	36	
8 „ 9 „	296	28	
9 „ 10 „	277	31	
10 „ 15 „	608	82	
15 „ 20 „	399	51	
20 years and upwards	423	55	
Total	20,927	2,015	

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PART XIII.—VOLUNTEERS

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PART XIII.—VOLUNTEERS.

TABLE 1.—STRENGTH of the VOLUNTEER FORCE by ARMS, 1st November, 1902.†

Arm.	Establishment.	*Efficients.		Non-efficients.	All Ranks.	Proficients who have earned the special grant of 50*s*.			Officers who have earned the grant for Tactics or Artillery.	Who have earned the grant for Signalling.		Who have earned the grant for Supply Duties.		Present at Inspection.
		Officers.	Non-Com. Officers and Men.			Officers.	Sergeants.	Total.		Officers.	Non-Com. Officers.	Officers.	Non-Com. Officers.	
Artillery ..	52,014	1,760	39,407	2,825	43,992	1,442	2,741	4,183	661	—	—	—	—	37,738
Engineers— Fortress and Railway ..	17,898	544	14,442	821	15,807	396	876	1,272	75	—	—	—	—	12,437
Submarine Miners ..	1,689	86	1,512	85	1,683	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	1,511
Infantry (Rifle)	268,258	6,785	188,096	8,093	202,974	5,565	11,830	17,395	1,255	18	154	13	11	153,058
Brigade Bearer Companies ..	2,210	34	853	51	938	30	80	110	—	—	—	—	—	791
Medical Staff Corps.. ..	3,478	108	2,824	224	3,156	89	228	317	—	—	—	—	2	2,548
All Arms ..	345,547	9,317	247,134	12,099	268,550	7,522	15,755	23,277	1,995	18	154	13	13	208,083
		256,451												

* Including boys who have qualified for the Capitation Grant as Trumpeters, Buglers, or Musicians.
† FOOT NOTE.—The 1st November is the commencement of the Volunteer Year.

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TABLE 2.—TOTAL of all ARMS in VOLUNTEER FORCE for years 1893 to 1902 inclusive.

Year.	Establishment.	Number of Supernumeraries authorised to be Enrolled.	*Efficient.	Non-Efficient.	Total all Ranks.	Proficients who have qualified for the Special Grant.			Officers who have Passed in Tactics or Artillery, and have qualified for the Special Grant.	Who have Passed in Signalling and have qualified for the Special Grant.		Who have Passed in Supply Duties and have qualified for the Special Grant.		Present at Inspection	Percentage of Efficients to Enrolled.	Percentage Present at Inspection to Enrolled.
						Officers.	Sergeants.	Total.		Officers	Non-Com. Officers.	Officers.	Non-Com. Officers.			
1893..	261,432	..	219,111	8,630	227,741	6,067	13,377	19,444	1,290	20	42	9	12	194,113	96·21	85·23
1894..	261,155	..	224,525	6,803	231,328	6,138	13,530	19,668	1,380	22	46	11	18	200,592	97·06	86·71
1895..	260,968	..	224,962	6,742	231,704	6,124	13,601	19,725	1,433	32	54	10	20	198,673	97·09	85·74
1896..	262,037	..	229,034	7,025	236,059	6,229	13,623	19,852	1,528	27	40	9	20	204,229	97·02	86·52
1897..	262,558	..	225,206	6,592	231,798	6,306	13,629	19,935	1,605	13	22	11	28	197,645	97·15	85·27
1898..	262,580	..	224,300	6,378	230,678	6,388	13,657	20,045	1,694	10	17	14	25	198,376	97·24	86·00
1899..	263,416	..	223,921	5,933	229,854	6,476	13,638	20,114	1,816	9	18	14	21	196,756	97·41	85·00
1900..	339 511	..	270,369	7,259	277,628	7,357	15,110	22,467	1,874	9	17	7	16	231,974	97·39	83·06
1901..	342,003	..	281,062	7,414	288,476	7 574	15,593	23,167	1,971	16	99	7	17	242,103	97·43	83·93
1902..	345,547	..	256,451	12,099	268,550	7,522	15,755	23,277	1,995	18	154	13	13	208,083	95·49	77·48

* Including boys who have qualified for the Capitation Grant as Trumpeters, Buglers, or Musicians.

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TABLE 3.—STRENGTH of the VOLUNTEER FORCE ON 1st November, 1902, by Ranks.

	Officers.													N.C.O.'s and Men.				Permanent Staff.			Total.
	Lieut.-Cols.	Majors.	Captains.	Lieuts.	2nd Lieuts.	Quarter-Masters.	Surg.-Lieut.-Cols.	Surg.-Majors.	Surg.-Captains.	Surg.-Lieuts.	Vet. Officers.	Acting Chaplains.	Total Officers.	Serjeants.	Trumpeters and Buglers.	Rank and File.	Total.	Adjutants.	Acting Serjt.-Majors.	Serjt.-Instructors.	
Efficients ...	391	538	2,873	2,340	1,065	304	100	131	328	294	30	647	9,041	16,195	6,161	223,081	245,437	276	316	1,381	256,451
Non-efficients	3	16	97	121	126	3	1	2	6	13	—	82	470	131	109	11,385	11,625	—	—	4	12,099
Total ...	394	554	2,970	2,461	1,191	307	101	133	334	307	30	729	9,511	16,326	6,270	234,466	257,062	276	316	1,385	268,550
Establishment	415	630	3,157	5,171		353	1,234				43	329	11,332	16,942	6,117	309,046	332,105	320	322	1,468	345,547
Wanting to complete ...	21	76	187	1,519		46	359				13	—	1,821	616	—	74,580	75,043	44	6	83	76,997
Super-numerary ...	—	—	—	—		—	—				—	400	—	—	153	—	—	—	—	—	—

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TABLE 4.—STRENGTH OF THE VOLUNTEER

Military District.	Arm.	Efficients.* Officers.	Efficients.* Non-Com. Officers and Men.	Non-Efficients.	Total of all ranks.	Proficients who have earned the Special Grant of 50s. Officers.	Proficients who have earned the Special Grant of 50s. Sergeants.
2nd Army Corps	Artillery	384	8,478	723	9,585	295	581
	Engineer :—						
	Fortress and Railway	129	4,016	272	4,417	110	233
	Submarine Miners ..	15	238	27	280	—	—
	Infantry (Rifle) ..	1,065	30,429	1,531	33,025	865	1,988
	Brigade Bearer Cos. ..	6	154	3	163	4	6
	Medical Staff Corps ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total ..	1,599	43,315	2,556	47,470	1,274	2,808
North-Eastern District	Artillery .. .	335	7,205	507	8,047	269	534
	Engineer :—						
	Fortress and Railway	94	2,581	73	2,748	83	175
	Submarine Miners ..	27	422	28	477	—	—
	Infantry (Rifle) ..	919	25,932	1,136	27,987	757	1,598
	Brigade Bearer Cos. ..	4	118	—	122	3	9
	Medical Staff Corps ..	4	108	19	131	2	9
	Total ..	1,383	36,366	1,763	39,512	1,114	2,325
North-Western District	Artillery	343	8,552	512	9,407	294	572
	Engineer :—						
	Fortress and Railway	108	2,533	188	2,829	91	178
	Submarine Miners ..	11	173	9	193	—	—
	Infantry (Rifle) ..	1,382	44,242	1,765	47,389	1,135	2,649
	Brigade Bearer Cos. ..	7	198	25	230	7	20
	Medical Staff Corps ..	27	810	63	900	22	65
	Total ..	1,878	56,508	2,562	60,948	1,549	3,484
Eastern District.	Artillery	95	2,125	176	2,396	77	146
	Engineer :—						
	Fortress and Railway	22	511	30	563	14	30
	Submarine Miners ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Infantry (Rifle) ..	513	13,742	724	14,979	403	862
	Brigade Bearer Cos. ..	4	79	4	87	4	6
	Medical Staff Corps ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total ..	634	16,457	934	18,025	498	1,044
Thames District.	Artillery	40	922	75	1,037	34	76
	Engineers :—						
	Fortress and Railway	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Submarine Miners ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Infantry (Rifle) ..	98	2,829	91	3,018	84	177
	Brigade Bearer Cos. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Medical Staff Corps ..	5	227	40	272	4	16
	Total ..	143	3,978	206	4,327	122	269

* Including boys who have qualified for the Capitation Grant as Trumpeters, Buglers, or Musicians.

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Officers who have earned the Grant for Tactics or Artillery.	Who have earned the Grant for Signalling.		Who have earned the Grant for Supply Duties.		Present at Inspection.	Mounted Infantry.	Cyclists.	Machine Guns in Possession.			
	Officers.	Non-Com. Officers.	Officers.	Non-Com. Officers.				Gardner.	Gatling.	Maxim.	Nordenfelt.
137	—	—	—	—	8,441	—	—	—	—	—	—
11	—	—	—	—	3,213	—	30	—	—	—	—
3	—	—	—	—	214	—	—	—	—	—	—
150	1	7	2	—	23,168	141	2,549	—	—	21	—
—	—	—	—	—	147	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
301	1	7	2	—	35,183	141	2,579	—	—	21	—
134	—	—	—	—	6,385	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	—	—	—	—	2,068	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—	448	—	—	—	—	—	—
153	1	9	1	1	20,515	—	1,907	—	—	20	—
—	—	—	—	—	110	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	103	—	—	—	—	—	—
298	1	9	1	1	29,629	—	1,907	—	—	20	—
192	—	—	—	—	8,345	—	22	—	—	—	—
19	—	—	—	—	2,350	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	185	—	—	—	—	—	—
267	1	23	3	—	35,393	492	2,434	—	—	43	—
—	—	—	—	—	157	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	704	—	—	—	—	—	—
478	1	23	3	—	47,134	492	2,456	—	—	43	—
12	—	—	—	—	2,057	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—	487	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
48	—	—	3	2	10,607	35	928	2	—	12	—
—	—	—	—	—	77	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
61	—	—	3	2	13,228	35	928	2	—	12	—
9	—	—	—	—	951	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17	—	—	—	—	2,123	—	279	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	2	184	—	—	—	—	—	—
26	—	—	—	2	3,258	—	279	—	—	—	—

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TABLE 4.—STRENGTH OF THE VOLUNTEER

Military District.	Arm.	Establishment.	Efficients.* Officers.	Efficients.* Non-Com-Officers. and Men.	Non-Effi-cients.	Total of all ranks.	Proficients who have earned the Special Grant of 50s. Officers.	Proficients who have earned the Special Grant of 50s. Sergeants.
Home District.	Artillery		80	2,211	273	2,564	69	149
	Engineer:—							
	Fortress and Railway		143	3,168	191	3,502	53	165
	Submarine Miners ..		—	—	—	—	—	—
	Infantry (Rifle) ..		1,186	31,411	1,256	33,853	993	2,128
	Brigade Bearer Cos. ..		5	125	16	146	5	18
	Medical Staff Corps ..		18	394	28	410	17	31
	Total ..		1,432	37,309	1,764	40,505	1,137	2,491
Woolwich District.	Artillery		22	641	30	693	18	40
	Engineer:—							
	Fortress and Railway		—	—	—	—	—	—
	Submarine Miners ..		—	—	—	—	—	—
	Infantry (Rifle) ..		29	594	27	650	25	54
	Brigade Bearer Cos. ..		—	—	—	—	—	—
	Medical Staff Corps ..		16	534	71	621	14	50
	Total ..		67	1,769	128	1,964	57	144
Scottish District.	Artillery		461	9,273	529	10,263	386	643
	Engineer:—							
	Fortress and Railway		48	1,633	67	1,748	45	95
	Submarine Miners ..		33	679	21	733	—	—
	Infantry (Rifle) ..		1,593	38,917	1,563	42,073	1,303	2,374
	Brigade Bearer Cos. ..		8	179	3	190	7	21
	Medical Staff Corps ..		38	751	3	792	30	57
	Total ..		2,181	51,432	2,186	55,799	1,771	3,190
	Total All Arms ..		9,317	247,134	12,099	268,550	7,522	15,755

* Including boys who have qualified for the Capitation Grant as Trumpeters, Buglers, or Musicians.

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Officers who have earned the Grant for Tactics or Artillery.	Who have earned the Grant for Signalling.		Who have earned the Grant for Supply Duties.		Present at Inspection.	Mounted Infantry.	Cyclists.	Machine Guns in Possession.			
	Officers.	Non-Com. Officers.	Officers.	Non-Com. Officers.				Gardner.	Gatling.	Maxim.	Nordenfelt.
34	—	—	—	—	2,305	—	—	—	—	—	—
13	—	—	—	—	2,787	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
291	12	101	2	5	30,416	485	2,047	6	—	28	2
—	—	—	—	—	130	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	400	—	—	—	—	—	—
338	12	101	2	5	36,038	485	2,047	6	—	28	2
14	—	—	—	—	571	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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5	—	—	—	—	499	—	62	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	432	—	114	—	—	—	—
19	—	—	—	—	1,502	—	176	—	—	—	—
129	—	—	—	—	8,683	—	—	—	—	—	—
21	—	—	—	—	1,532	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	664	—	—	—	—	—	—
324	3	14	2	3	30,337	207	1,889	—	—	34	—
—	—	—	—	—	170	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	725	—	—	—	—	—	—
474	3	14	2	3	42,111	207	1,889	—	—	34	—
1,995	18	154	13	13	208,083	1,360	12,261	8	—	158	2

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TABLE 5.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the VOLUNTEER FORCE between 1st November, 1901, and 1st November, 1902.

—	Artillery.	Engineers. Fortress and Fortress.	Engineers. Submarine Miners.	Infantry (Rifles).	Brigade Bearer Companies.	Medical Corps.	Total.
Number enrolled on 1st November, 1901 ..	49,614	15,819	1,694	218,665	—	2,684	288,476
Enrolled: Recruits	5,630	2,507	311	29,038	397	857	38,740
Enrolled: Having previously served in Regular Army, Militia, Yeomanry, or Volunteers ..	728	426	25	4,663	663	55	6,560
Rejoined on discharge from regular army	234	756	10	9,067	9	192	10,268
From regular army to Permanent Staff ..	75	10	—	291	—	4	380
Total Increase ..	6,667	3,699	346	43,059	1,069	1,108	55,948
Died	174	46	4	735	2	11	972
Dismissed: Misconduct	103	19	9	400	—	27	558
Dismissed: Non-efficient	1,112	636	57	5,635	—	39	7,479
Joined regular forces ..	456	264	14	2,860	3	52	3,649
Enlisted into regular army for Special Service	270	251	11	3,201	13	159	3,905
Enlisted into Militia ..	70	65	—	605	—	6	746
Struck off on attaining 50 years of age ..	40	9	—	227	—	—	276
Voluntarily quitted: Under 3 yrs.	3,298	884	106	15,222	46	111	19,667
Voluntarily quitted: 3 & under 4 yrs	1,581	440	50	9,011	9	80	11,171
Voluntarily quitted: 4 „ 5 yrs.	1,391	351	58	6,537	20	62	8,419
Voluntarily quitted: 5 „ 8 yrs.	1,646	422	33	7,118	20	62	9,301
Voluntarily quitted: Over 8 yrs.	1,521	316	15	6,537	18	24	8,431
Disbanded	534	—	—	—	—	—	534
From Permanent Staff to: Regular Army	18	4	—	91	—	1	114
From Permanent Staff to: Pension or Discharge	62	4	—	208	—	—	274
Other Volunteer Corps	13	—	—	363	—	2	378
Total Decrease ..	12,289	3,711	357	58,750	131	636	75,874
Net .. Increase ..	—	—	—	—	938	472	—
Net .. Decrease ..	5,622	12	11	15,691	—	—	19,926
Number enrolled on 1st November, 1902 ..	43,992	15,807	1,683	202,974	938	3,156	268,550

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TABLE 6.—AGES of the ENROLLED MEMBERS of the VOLUNTEER FORCE on 1st November, 1902.

Arm.	Under 17 years.	17 to 18.	18 to 19.	19 to 20.	20 to 21.	21 to 22.	22 to 23.	23 to 24.	24 to 25.	25 to 26.	26 to 27.	27 to 28.	28 to 29.	29 to 30.	30 to 35.	35 to 40.	40 to 45.	45 to 50.	50 years and upwards	Total.
Artillery	488	1,555	3,175	4,358	4,808	3,825	3,210	2,509	2,112	1,841	1,545	1,348	1,278	1,246	4,033	2,997	1,988	1,158	513	43,992
Engineers—																				
Fortress and Railway ...	71	533	1,176	1,791	2,010	1,681	1,182	926	772	658	539	475	396	377	1,380	891	507	270	172	15,807
Submarine Miners ...	1	17	88	170	239	247	136	109	83	66	49	37	56	53	159	97	49	19	8	1,683
Infantry (Rifle)	2,096	8,203	15,883	22,286	23,207	18,794	14,877	11,775	9,638	8,125	6,993	5,965	5,363	5,181	17,565	12,859	7,938	4,176	2,050	202,974
Brigade Bearer Companies	8	91	129	108	78	59	67	55	47	39	28	23	29	17	67	51	27	10	5	938
Medical Corps	9	123	432	447	409	329	338	212	144	136	90	60	59	50	138	94	46	28	12	3,156
Total	2,673	10,522	20,883	29,160	30,751	24,935	19,810	15,586	12,796	10,865	9,244	7,908	7,181	6,924	23,347	16,989	10,555	5,661	2,760	268,550

TABLE 7.—PAST SERVICES of the ENROLLED MEMBERS of the VOLUNTEER FORCE on 1st November, 1902.

Arm.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 6 years.	6 to 7 years	7 to 8 years.	8 to 9 years.	9 to 10 years.	10 to 15 years.	15 to 20 years.	20 years and upwards.	Total.
Artillery	5,522	6,485	9,310	4,921	2,966	2,189	1,798	1,479	1,215	1,154	3,409	1,834	1,710	43,992
Engineers—														
Fortress and Railway	2,133	2,891	3,975	1,700	898	633	570	449	377	370	974	480	357	15,807
Submarine Miners	304	333	481	141	69	54	53	30	36	34	120	18	10	1,683
Infantry (Rifle)	26,537	35,457	45,910	22,218	12,236	9,318	7,547	6,004	4,907	4,773	13,077	7,797	7,193	202,974
Brigade Bearer Companies ...	369	136	114	77	39	44	32	27	14	20	32	24	10	938
Medical Corps	556	503	984	538	171	87	71	41	32	28	86	45	14	3,156
Total	35,421	45,805	60,774	29,595	16,379	12,325	10,071	8,030	6,581	6,379	17,698	10,198	9,294	268,550

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PART I.—ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH OF THE ARMY, ARMY RESERVE, MILITIA, YEOMANRY, AND VOLUNTEERS ON THE 1ST OCTOBER, 1903.

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PART I.—TABLE 1. ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH OF THE ARMY, ARMY RESERVE, MILITIA, IMPERIAL YEOMANRY, AND VOLUNTEERS ON 1st OCTOBER, 1903.

—	Date.	All Ranks.			
		Normal Establishment.	Actual Strength.	Wanting to complete.	Supernumerary.
Army, Regular Forces, Regimental Establishment	1st Oct., 1903	285,925	292,411	—	*6,486
General and Departmental Staff and Miscellaneous Establishments ..		2,555	2,555	—	—
Army Reserve, Class I. ..		70,000	66,471	3,529	—
Militia		132,447	96,857	35,590	—
Militia Reserve (New) ..		50,000	5,052	44,948	—
†Channel Islands and Colonial Militia ..		5,996	5,085	911	—
Yeomanry at Home ..		§35,196	26,434	8,772	—
Volunteers		347,801	255,578	92,223	—
‡Bermuda Rifle Volunteers		319	225	94	—
	General Total	930,239	750,658	186,067	6,486
			Net ..	179,581	
¶Militia Reserve (included with Militia).. ..	1st Oct., 1903 ..	—	5,062	—	5,062

* Parliament in 1903 sanctioned 14,200 excess numbers in addition to the normal establishment.

† Strength of Channel Islands Militia on 1st July, 1903.

‡ Strength on 1st November, 1903.

¶ This is the old Militia Reserve, which is gradually dying out.

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PART II.—STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION

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PART II.—STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION.

TABLE 1.—STRENGTH and ESTABLISHMENTS of the Regular Army *by arms* on the first day of each Quarter, 1903.

—		Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Imperial Yeomanry.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	R.E.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Colonial Corps.	A.S.C.	R.A.M.C.	A.O.C.	Army Pay Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	Other Corps.*	Total.
1st Jan.	Officers ..	81	983	142	1,138	918	1,056	326	5,106	195	473	949	271	—	7	355	12,000
	Other Ranks	1,409	28,314	1,468	33,821	22,256	12,701	9,640	171,474	7,147	7,970	5,071	2,367	854	355	7,806	312,653
1st April	Officers ..	83	929	4	1,111	915	1,064	317	5,048	246	463	967	274	—	—	442	11,863
	Other Ranks	1,377	24,310	70	32,263	21,948	11,103	7,850	154,620	7,444	7,552	4,694	2,283	882	6	10,095	286,497
1st July	Officers ..	83	915	2	1,118	898	1,055	314	4,879	227	460	984	270	—	—	398	11,603
	Other Ranks	1,350	23,020	7	31,725	21,797	10,765	7,650	150,916	7,636	6,745	4,685	2,275	884	—	9,137	278,592
1st Oct.	Officers ..	83	868	—	1,139	950	1,062	305	4,877	200	452	971	265	—	—	587	11,759
	Other Ranks	1,343	22,216	—	31,372	22,117	10,418	7,542	152,792	6,835	6,476	4,375	2,277	900	2	11,987	280,652
Establishment	Officers ..	72	743	—	1,120	944	1,029	299	4,733	216	475	993	277	—	—	197	11,098
	Other Ranks	1,218	17,873	—	28,967	22,214	9,719	8,795	159,171	7,176	6,720	3,498	2,229	750	—	6,497	274,827

* Indian Regiments and King's African Rifles, borrowed from India and the Colonial Office for garrison and expeditionary purposes.

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TABLE 2.—STRENGTH, according to the latest returns received on the 1st January in each year from 1895 to 1903, and on the 1st October, 1903, showing the number in each Arm of the Service.

Year.	All Ranks.																	Year.
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Imperial Yeomanry.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Infantry Royal Reserve Regiments.*	Colonial Corps and Indian† Infantry.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Corps of Armourers.	Army Pay Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	All Arms.	
1st Jan., 1895	1,318	18,356	—	3,891	33,345	7,591	5,948	138,897	—	5,042	3,479	2,563	862	307	552	—	222,151	1st Jan., 1895
1896	1,296	18,245	—	3,815	33,631	7,718	5,916	138,631	—	5,131	3,486	2,595	1,170	—	560	—	222,194	1896
1897	1,315	18,406	—	3,898	33,115	7,829	5,851	136,965	—	5,331	3,581	2,699	1,306	—	573	—	220,869	1897
1898	1,317	17,721	—	3,642	33,968	7,792	6,591	136,163	—	5,666	3,599	2,651	1,316	—	577	—	221,003	1898
1899	1,298	18,102	—	3,620	35,803	7,975	7,249	141,332	—	7,242	3,599	3,651	1,388	—	592	—	231,851	1899
1900	1,327	22,672	—	26,639	22,815	10,534	12,008	183,299	—	8,778	5,730	5,021	1,932	—	619	170	301,544	1900
1901	1,602	31,042	9,354	35,167	25,899	13,932	14,160	221,872	18,301	31,571	8,187	6,647	2,399	—	655	385	421,173	1901
1902	1,550	31,681	16,730	36,068	25,136	14,850	14,624	217,966	—	19,531	8,559	7,099	2,615	—	747	526	397,682	1902
1903	1,490	29,297	1,610	34,959	23,174	13,757	9,966	176,580	—	15,503	8,443	6,020	2,638	—	854	362	324,653	1903
1st Oct., 1903	1,426	23,084	—	32,511	23,067	11,480	7,847	157,669	—	19,609	6,928	5,346	2,542	—	900	2	292,411	1st Oct., 1903

* Disbanded in 1901. † The Indian Troops are borrowed from India for garrison and expeditionary purposes.

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TABLE 3.—The ESTABLISHMENTS and STRENGTH of the Army, and the numbers wanted to complete or supernumerary to the Establishments in each year from 1895 to 1903.

Year.	Establishments, Army Estimates.			Strength.			Supernumerary to Establishment, All Ranks.	Wanting to complete Establishment, All Ranks.
	Officers.	Other Ranks.	Total.	Officers.	Other Ranks.	Total.		
1st January, 1895 ..	7,950	211,374	219,324	7,694	214,457	222,151	2,827	—
" 1896 ..	7,956	211,461	219,417	7,756	214,438	222,194	2,777	—
" 1897 ..	8,039	212,234	220,273	7,721	213,148	220,869	596	—
" 1898 ..	8,342	219,323	227,665	7,689	213,314	221,003	—	6,662
" 1899 ..	8,628	235,928	244,556	8,537	223,314	231,851	—	12,705
" 1900 ..	9,269	240,197	249,466	9,318	292,226	301,544	52,078*	—
" 1901 ..	10,646	266,690	277,336	13,410	407,763	421,173	143,837*	—
" 1902 ..	10,939	273,490	284,429	12,882	384,800	397,682	113,253*	—
" 1903 ..	11,029	273,349	284,378	12,000	312,653	324,653	40,275*	—
1st October, 1903 ..	11,098	274,827	285,925	11,759	280,652	292,411	6,486*	—

* Additional numbers to the normal establishment were sanctioned in these years on account of the South African War, and in 1903 of the Somaliland Expedition also.

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TABLE 4.—INCREASE AND DECREASE OF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN OF EACH ARM OF THE SERVICE FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1903.

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TABLE 4.—INCREASE and DECREASE of NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and

	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Imperial Yeomanry.	Royal Artillery. Horse and Field	Royal Artillery. Garrison.	Royal Engineers.
Effectives on the 1st Jan., 1903	1,404	28,254	1,468	33,772	22,163	12,558
INCREASE.						
Recruits joined. Long service	49	97	—	224	138	42
Short service 2 years ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Short service 3 years ..	—	247	—	2,192	2,783	723
Short service 7 years ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Re-enlisted A.O. 106 of 1900	1	14	—	6	1	—
Re-enlisted A.O. 59 of 1901	—	—	—	—	—	—
Re-enlisted A.O. 35 of 1903 ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Re-enlisted Colonial Corps ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
	50	358	—	2,422	2,922	765
Joined from desertion	8	269	—	365	100	37
From Army Reserve, A.O. 238 of 1902	1	22	—	41	40	18
		11	—	25	27	3
From Militia Reserve	—	—	—	—	1	—
Other causes	3	—	—	—	69	2
Total increase.. ..	62	660	—	2,853	3,159	825
DECREASE.						
Died	3	173	1	192	124	53
Discharged. After 21 years' service ..	18	48	—	48	94	64
Prematurely, after 18 years' service under Royal Warrant, 25th June, 1881	3	25	—	22	39	13
On completing 1st Period..	10	352	—	465	169	142
As invalids	23	428	—	497	243	83
By purchase	32	727	—	320	160	168
Under Section 81, Army Act of 1881	1	60	—	81	7	20
Free, under Royal Warrant for pay, &c.— Article 1142 (ii.). ..	2	43	—	82	51	15
Article 1142 (iii.). ..	3	58	—	79	21	10
Not likely to become efficient soldiers	3	44	—	118	84	9
On conviction of making a false answer on attestation	—	5	—	50	27	3
For misconduct	2	292	—	508	306	35
Miscellaneous	10	46	1,466	245	56	1,018
	107	2,128	1,466	2,515	1,257	1,580
Struck off as deserters	13	434	1	557	269	145
To Army Reserve On completion of service	—	2,149	—	1,428	1,511	1,263
To Army Reserve On conversion of service	—	384	—	269	52	54
To Army Reserve Relegated	—	10	—	11	12	—
To Army Reserve On demobilisation ..	—	1,254	—	289	47	—
To Militia Reserve	—	—	—	—	—	—
To Militia, Yeomanry, and Volunteers	5	46	—	13	34	17
Given up as deserters	—	5	—	11	14	—
Other causes	—	174	—	24	—	—
Total decrease ..	128	6,757	1,468	5,309	3,320	3,112
Net increase	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net decrease	66	6,097	1,468	2,456	161	2,287
Effectives on the 1st Oct., 1903	1,338	22,157	—	31,316	22,002	10,271

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MEN of each Arm of the Service from 1st Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903.

Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Colonial Corps & Indian Troops.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	Army Post Office Corps	All Arms.
9,621	171,116	14,923	7,723	4,976	2,241	812	355	311,386
68	731	—	125	—	50	—	—	1,524
—	—	—	244	—	—	—	—	244
1,076	19,381	—	358	715	81	—	—	27,556
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	51	—	—	2	—	—	—	
—	580	—	—	—	—	—	—	580
—	541	—	—	—	—	—	—	541
—	—	506	—	—	—	—	—	506
1,144	21,284	506	727	717	131	—	—	31,026
70	1,320	18	44	8	2	—	—	2,241
17	115	—	2	3	2	—	—	260
8	145	—	5	6	—	—	—	231
—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
—	—	4,359	128	—	3	74	—	4,779
1,239	22,868	4,883	906	734	138	74	—	38,512
9	871	69	31	29	5	—	—	1,560
15	297	16	30	22	9	8	—	669
8	148	5	8	6	3	5	—	285
109	4,421	301	80	53	19	3	1	6,125
237	2,242	184	72	41	23	—	1	4,074
205	1,113	13	53	52	50	3	—	2,896
30	420	6	19	11	—	—	—	655
10	247	14	7	5	1	1	—	478
25	251	5	4	2	2	—	—	460
53	598	31	9	13	7	—	—	969
6	89	—	—	1	—	—	—	181
137	1,461	64	67	79	19	2	—	2,972
20	512	61	619	219	10	—	152	4,434
855	11,799	700	968	504	143	22	154	24,198
158	2,820	118	73	59	5	1	—	4,653
1,013	17,435	140	819	535	38	9	—	26,340
12	607	4	20	8	2	—	—	1,412
2	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	54
1,278	6,523	—	492	219	38	1	199	10,340
—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
4	587	—	—	8	—	—	—	714
—	34	—	1	—	—	—	—	65
6	876	—	—	62	—	—	—	1,283
3,337	41,577	1,031	2,404	1,424	231	33	353	70,625
—	—	3,852	—	—	—	41	—	—
2,093	18,709	—	1,498	690	93	—	353	32,083
7,523	152,407	18,775	6,225	4,286	2,148	853	2	279,303

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TABLE 5.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the NON-COMMISSIONED

Year.	Effectives on 1st January in each year.	Increase.					
		Recruits joined.	From Desertion.	From Army Reserve.	From Militia Reserve.	Other causes.	Total Increase.
1894	210,863	33,698	1,833	50	—	290	35,871
1895	213,555	29,583	1,656	43	—	—	31,282
1896	213,531	28,532	1,538	57	—	—	30,127
1897	212,231	35,015	1,594	68	—	—	36,677
1898	212,393	40,729	1,789	4,578	—	—	47,096
1899	222,373	42,700	2,022	55,662	2,137	82	102,603
1900	290,914	98,361*	2,438	18,717	11,437	21,845†	152,798
1901	406,443	75,651‡	2,689	1,188	1	517	80,046
1902	383,462	65,040§	2,851	1,253	23	975	70,142
1903	311,386	31,026	2,241	260	236	4,779†	38,542

* Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 10,242; City of London Imperial Volunteers, 1,664; and men re-enlisted under Army Order 48 and other one-year men, 36,973; Army Order 106 of 1900, 522.

† Chiefly caused by Indian Native troops brought on British Establishment.

‡ Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 17,252; other one-year men, 6,776; Army Order 106 of 1900, 532; Army Order 59 of 1901, 4,052.

§ Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 7,239: other one-year men, 3,548; Army Order 106 of 1900, 336; Army Order 59 of 1901, 2,250.

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STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION.

OFFICERS and MEN reported during each year from 1894 to 1903 inclusive.

Year.	Decrease.									Nett Increase.	Nett Decrease.	Effectives on 31st Dec. in each year.
	Died.	Discharged.	Deserted.	To Army Reserve.	To Militia Reserve.	To Militia, Yeomanry, and Volunteers.	Given up as Deserters.	Other causes.	Total Decrease.			
1894	1,792	10,480	3,958	16,229	—	644	76	—	33,179	2,692	—	213,555
1895	1,774	10,496	3,453	14,594	—	659	69	261	31,306	—	24	213,531
1896	1,769	11,396	3,357	13,941	—	684	60	220	31,427	—	1,300	212,231
1897	2,067	12,966	3,669	16,702	—	694	48	369	36,515	162	—	212,393
1898	2,578	12,983	4,107	16,245	—	664	66	473	37,116	9,980	—	222,373
1899	2,457	12,605	4,504	12,904	—	560	55	977	34,062	68,541	—	290,914
1900	10,153	15,169	6,378	3,055*	—	1,211	112	1,191	37,269	115,529	—	406,443
1901	5,969	†70823	7,686	804	2,486	883	108	14268‡	103,027	—	22,981	383,462
1902	3,896	§80090	7,162	36,832	7,053	679	89	6,417‡	142,218	—	72,076	311,386
1st Oct., 1903	1,560	24,198	4,653	38,146	6	714	65	1,283	70,625	—	32,083	1st Oct. 279,303

* Includes 2,869 men of Volunteer Waiting Companies (Army Order 29 of 1900).

† Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 9,342; Infantry Royal Reserve Regiments, 17,918; also Volunteers and other one-year men.

§ Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 20,801; also Volunteers and other one-year men.

‡ Chiefly caused by reduction of Indian troops on British Establishment.

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TABLE 6.—DISTRIBUTION of the Army, according to the latest returns received on the 1st October, 1903, showing the Strength and Establishment of each Arm of the Service.

	ALL RANKS.														
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Imperial Yeomanry.	Royal Artillery.		Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Colonial Corps and Indian Infantry.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps and Dept.	Army Pay Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	All Arms.
				Horse and Field Artillery.	Garrison.										
AT HOME:—															
England and Wales	1,426	5,486	—	14,762	8,520	6,494	7,847	43,235	—	4,677	2,763	1,125	519	2	96,856
Jersey	—	—	—	—	134	6	—	809	—	3	15	3	1	—	971
Guernsey and Alderney	—	—	—	—	194	13	—	960	—	6	9	8	3	—	1,193
Scotland	—	751	—	240	402	113	—	3,858	—	106	83	61	54	—	5,668
Ireland	—	2,321	—	4,770	770	655	—	15,943	—	974	506	234	104	—	26,277
Total	1,426	8,558	—	19,772	10,020	7,281	7,847	64,805	—	5,766	3,376	1,431	681	2	130,965
IN THE COLONIES, EGYPT, CHINA AND CRETE (including Drafts on passage out)	—	7,859	—	2,850	7,933	3,935	—	38,874	19,609	1,162	1,629	996	219	—	85,066
EAST INDIES (including Drafts on passage out):—															
Punjab	—	2,281	—	2,255	1,301	—	—	13,143	—	—	—	22	—	—	19,302
Bengal	—	2,226	—	3,094	1,361	—	—	17,977	—	—	—	28	—	—	24,686
Madras	—	1,434	—	1,954	165	—	—	6,093	—	—	—	14	—	—	9,660
Bombay	—	726	—	2,411	1,878	—	—	12,590	—	—	—	46	—	—	17,651
Burmah	—	—	—	—	298	—	—	3,887	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,190
Royal Artillery Staff unposted, &c.	—	—	—	175	111	264	—	—	—	—	341	5	—	—	891
Total	—	6,667	—	9,889	5,114	264	—	53,990	—	—	341	115	—	—	76,380
General Total at Home and Abroad	1,426	23,084	—	32,511	23,067	11,480	7,847	157,669	19,609	6,928	5,346	2,542	900	2	292,411
Establishment as in Establishment Circular 1903-4	1,296	20,593	—	29,728	23,158	10,778	9,110	164,161	12,234	7,145	4,910	2,500	930	—	286,543

Attention is drawn to the footnote * on page 2.

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TABLE 7.—DISTRIBUTION OF THE UNITS OF EACH ARM OF THE SERVICE ON THE 1ST OCTOBER, 1903.

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TABLE 7.—DISTRIBUTION of the Units of each Arm of the Service on the 1st October, 1903.

	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.		Royal Artillery.								Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.		Colonial Corps and Indian Infantry.				Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.
				Horse.		Field.		Mountain.		Garrison.						R.A.	R.E.	Infantry.				
	Regiments.	Regiments.	Depôts.	Service Batts.	Depôt Batts.	Service Batts.	Depôt Batts.	Service Batts.	Depôt Batts.	Service Cos.	Depôt Cos.	Troop Dvsns. Comps.	Batts.	Battalions.	Regtl. Depôts.	Comps.	Comps.	Batts.	Depôts.	Comps.	Comps.	Comps.
AT HOME:—																						
England	3	6	8	13	2	63	5	—	—	33	6	51	10	41	51	—	—	—	—	51	17	9
Jersey	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Guernsey and Alderney ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scotland	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	4	—	3	10	—	—	—	—	2	1	—
Ireland	—	3	1	2	—	27	1	—	—	4	—	5	—	19	8	—	—	—	—	13	4	3
Total ...	3	10*	9	15	2	90	7	—	—	41	6	60	10	65	69	—	—	—	—	66	22	12
EAST INDIES:—																						
Punjab	—	3	—	4	—	9	—	4	—	6	—	1	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bengal	—	3	—	3	—	15	—	—	—	10	—		—	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Madras	—	2	—	2	—	9	—	—	—	1	—		—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bombay and Aden	—	1	—	2	—	12	—	4	—	9	—		—	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Burmah ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	—	9	—	11	—	45	—	8	—	28	—	1	—	55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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IN THE COLONIES, &c:—																						
Egypt	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	4	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1
Crete	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4 Cos.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barbados, &c. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	½	—	5 Cos.	—	1	—	½	—	—	—	—
Jamaica, &c. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1½	—	3 Cos.	—	1	2	½	1	—	—	—
Dominion of Canada ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3½	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bermuda ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Malta	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	3	—	7⅜	—	4	—	—	—	1	—	1
Gibraltar ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	4	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Cyprus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 Co.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
South Africa ...	—	9	—	2	—	15	—	—	—	2	—	12	—	17⅞	—	—	—	—	—	14	21	7
St. Helena ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2 Cos.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
West Africa ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	1	2	—	—	—	—
Mauritius ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	1	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—
Ceylon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1½	—	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—
China and Hong Kong	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3§	—	2	—	1	—	4	1	4	—	—	—	1
Straits Settlements	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1½	—	1	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
Somaliland Field Force	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Det.	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Total ...	—	10	—	2	—	16	—	1	—	37§	—	36½	—	41		18	6	11	1	19	21	11
General Total at Home and Abroad	3	29	9	28	2	151	7	9	—	106§	6	97½	10	161*	69	18	6	11	1	85	43	23
				30		158		9		112												

* Including 5 Battalions Royal Garrison Regiment, but exclusive of one Provisional Battalion.

§ Excluding Legation Guard.

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PART III.—REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF RECRUITING ON RECRUITING AND CASUALTIES.

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ARMY AND MILITIA.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF RECRUITING FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THE YEAR 1903.

War Office, 18 January, 1904.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on Recruiting, for the information of the Commander-in-Chief. It is divided into four parts as follows:—

I.—General Observations and Recruiting for the Regular Army.
II.—Army Reserve.
III.—Militia and Reserve of Militia and Imperial Yeomanry.
IV.—Civil Employment of Discharged Soldiers and Reservists.

The Report is only for the first nine months of the current year in consequence of the decision of the Secretary of State that it should be rendered annually in future as from the 1st October instead of 1st January. The alteration has been made so that the figures in the Report shall include one complete trooping season in each Report.

The annual take of recruits for the several arms has for some years been arranged on the same basis.

I.—General Observations and Recruiting for the Army.

1. The number of recruits raised for the Regular Army, excluding re-enlisted men, Royal Garrison Regiment, and Colonial Corps, for the nine months under review amounted to 29,324, and for the Militia to 25,774. Recruiting results for the year.

These numbers show a large diminution on the numbers taken in the corresponding period of previous years. The falling-off is easily explained. At the commencement of the year, in consequence of the special recruiting for the mounted corps which had taken place during the war, practically all these corps were very largely in excess of establishment.

The cavalry has, with one or two very slight exceptions, been closed to recruiting for the whole period covered by the Report. Suspension in recruiting for various arms.

The Royal Horse Artillery has been entirely closed, and the Royal Field Artillery has been closed for drivers, except in a few instances.

The Royal Engineers were closed entirely in March, except for men of certain trades.

The Army Service Corps has been closed, except for men for the new mechanical transport companies.

The Royal Army Medical Corps have been closed entirely since the 29th June, 1903.

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2. It is obvious that this almost complete stoppage of recruiting for the mounted corps, always the most popular, must have a prejudicial effect on the numbers taken. In order to reduce the surplus in the several mounted corps, and, if possible, to recommence recruiting, cavalrymen in South Africa have been allowed to return home for transfer to the Reserve after seven years' service, the extra year abroad not being insisted upon. In the case of the cavalry at home, men have been allowed to convert their service, if over five years, to Reserve service on production of a definite guarantee of employment. The same steps were taken in July as regards men of the Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery belonging to units at home. A few men have availed themselves of this privilege.

Characters for recruits.

3. A very important change was made as regards the conduct of recruiting by a circular letter which was issued on the 21st March. With a view of preventing the enlistment into the Regular Army and Militia of undesirable characters, instructions were issued to the effect that no recruit was in future to be accepted who could not produce a satisfactory reference as to his character and antecedents. To avoid the possibility of recruits being lost to the Service while the necessary inquiries were being made, instructions were at the same time given that apparently desirable recruits could be attested, but were not to be finally approved until a satisfactory character was forthcoming. It was felt that the probable result of this change might at first lead to a slight diminution in the number of recruits enlisted, as, until the system was thoroughly understood, men who wished to enlist might resent the delay caused by the necessary enquiries being made and go away, thus being lost to the Service. Another difficulty which was anticipated, was that employers of labour might not in all cases be willing to lose their employés, and might in consequence decline to give the necessary references. Cases of this nature have occurred, but it has generally been found possible to obtain the information desired from other sources, or from the police. It was expected that a difficulty might also arise in obtaining the necessary references in the case of recruits who are perfectly eligible and respectable, but who desire to conceal the fact of their enlistment.

It was considered, however, in adopting the change, that even if a diminution took place in the number of recruits enlisted, a still greater advantage was gained by preventing men of undoubted bad character from enlisting. The immediate effect of the change was a considerable diminution in the number of men joining, but now that the system is in full working order, and is thoroughly understood and worked in a liberal spirit in all recruiting districts, practically no desirable men are lost to the Service.

Before making this change statistics were obtained from the Admiralty as to the effects of a similar experiment adopted for the Royal Marines.

False characters.

4. One difficulty which has arisen in connection with the working of the system is the prevention of the enlistment of recruits by means of false characters; but it is hoped that in the next Session of Parliament the necessary legislation may be passed to remove this obstacle.

Religious denominations of recruits.

5. Representations have been made by a deputation of Baptist and Congregational ministers that recruits belonging to those persuasions were unable on joining the Army to practise the particular form of religion in which they had been brought up, owing to the fact that the

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attestation only provided for the recording of certain denominations. The attestations have now been altered so that young men on enlistment can record their true denomination, and their ministers are thus enabled to keep touch with them after they have entered the Army.

6. In the report of the preceding year reference was made to the new system of measuring recruits which had been in tentative operation. The system was made permanent in January. Physical standards.

7. A modification was made in April by the abolition of the fixed standard of weight laid down in the several schedules. The weights therein laid down are considered not so much as a fixed standard, but rather as a guide indicating what is considered approximately to be the lowest weight consistent with health for a given age and height. It will be seen that this alteration gave considerable discretionary power to the examining medical officers.

8. In June last an Army Order was issued directing that every recruit shall, on completion of a gymnastic course and six months' service, be carefully remeasured as to height, chest measurement, and weight. It is intended to compile in future returns embodying the results thereby obtained, which will be of material importance as indicating the development attained after a course of military training and gymnastics. Remeasurement of recruits.

9. Early in the year the question of the eyesight of intending recruits came forward for consideration. It was felt that with the increased range of modern weapons it is absolutely necessary that the tests applied on the medical examination of a recruit should be the best possible. A committee was appointed to consider the question, composed of representatives of the Army Medical Department, the Chief Recruiting Staff Officer in London, and the Commandant of the School of Musketry. A member of the Committee has made preliminary investigation by testing the eyesight of upwards of 800 men who have presented themselves for enlistment at St. George's Barracks, London, and the results of the data so obtained are being considered by the Committee. Eyesight.

10. In February a circular was sent out to all recruiting agencies to the effect that no special enlistments were to be put forward for infantry recruits under the standard of age, height, or chest measurement. The effect of this circular was to cancel the relaxation mentioned in last year's report under which short men were enlisted for the Infantry of the Line who, though under the ordinary height standard, might be utilised for mounted infantry. Stoppage of special enlistments.

11. The experiment made towards the end of 1901, under which recruits were allowed to be enlisted who were wearing artificial teeth, was found not to be working satisfactorily, and in January instructions were given cancelling the relaxation made.

12. In March, as the Army still remained much in excess of the authorised establishment, the standards of height for recruits for the Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, and Army Service Corps were materially raised, as was also the standard of height for the Militia. Alteration of standard.

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Arm of the Service.	Height Standard.	Altered to.
REGULAR FORCES.		
Royal Artillery—		
Gunners, Royal Field Artillery	5 feet 6 inches to 5 feet 9 inches	5 feet 7 inches to 5 feet 9 inches
Gunners, Royal Garrison Artillery	5 feet 6 inches and over ..	5 feet 7 inches and over
Drivers, Royal Horse Artillery	5 feet 2 inches to 5 feet 6 inches	5 feet 5 inches to 5 feet 7 inches
Drivers, Royal Field Artillery	5 feet 2 inches to 5 feet 6 inches	5 feet 4 inches to 5 feet 6 inches
Royal Engineers—		
Sappers	5 feet 6 inches and over ..	5 feet 7 inches and over
Drivers	5 feet 4 inches to 5 feet 6 inches	5 feet 5 inches to 5 feet 7 inches
Army Service Corps ..	5 feet 2½ inches to 5 feet 5 inches	5 feet 3 inches to 5 feet 6 inches
MILITIA.		
Field Artillery (drivers) ..	5 feet 2 inches to 5 feet 5 inches	5 feet 3 inches to 5 feet 6 inches
Field Artillery (gunners)	5 feet 4 inches and over ..	5 feet 5 inches and over
Garrison Artillery.. ..	5 feet 4 inches and over ..	5 feet 5 inches and over
Engineers	5 feet 2 inches and over ..	5 feet 3 inches and over
Infantry	5 feet 2 inches and over ..	5 feet 3 inches and over
Medical Corps	5 feet 2 inches and over ..	5 feet 3 inches and over

Financial concessions.

13. During the year some financial concessions have been made, the general tendency of which is to improve the position of the soldier.

(*a.*) A third shirt is now supplied as part of the free kit of necessaries to each soldier of the Foot Guards, Infantry of the Line, garrison and recruiting district staff, Military Foot Police, Army Pay Corps, Military Prison Staff Corps, Royal Malta Artillery, and the West India Regiment. Other Corps were already supplied.

Dentists.

(*b.*) Arrangements have also be made for the free provision of artificial teeth in the case of soldiers who have incurred loss of teeth directly attributable to active service. The services of the two dentists experimentally employed in London and Aldershot have been continued for a further period. The results of the experiment have been such as to lead to the extension of the scheme, and from the 1st April next an additional number of dentists will be appointed.

Messing allowance.

(*c.*) The restrictions under which those soldiers who are under 19 years of age and have less than six months' service are debarred from receiving messing allowance have been removed in the case of soldiers serving abroad.

(*d.*) The position of the clerks of the Royal Artillery has been materially improved by the issue of a Royal Warrant dealing with their pay and promotion. The rates of pay and engineer pay of farriers and carriage smiths of the Royal Engineers have been brought into harmony with those of other corps, thus slightly improving the position of these artificers.

Additions to Reserve pay.

(*e.*) A concession was obtained from the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to the effect that when a reservist has had his capacity for self-support reduced by wounds, and the reserve pay is not equal to the pension that would be awarded to compensate for reduced earning power, such pension may be awarded as will increase the reserve pay to the amount of that pension.

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(*f.*) Concessions have also been made as regards reckoning service for good conduct badges by re-enlisted soldiers, and by allowing any period or periods of embodied service in the case of soldiers enlisting into the Regular Army from the Militia to count towards good conduct pay. Reckoning service towards good conduct pay.

(*g.*) The position of unpaid recruiters when detached has been improved by the issue of an increased rate of lodging allowance.

14. The question of providing suitable houses for recruiting purposes or of improving those now in use has not been lost sight of, and it is proposed, as funds permit, to gradually bring all up to modern requirements. New houses have been provided in the past year in both Dublin and Liverpool, and the recruiting office at Stratford has been enlarged by the hiring of an additional house. In order to place the staff of all these recruiting houses on a more permanent and satisfactory footing, it has been decided that the duties of bath-men, caretakers, &c., hitherto performed in many instances by soldiers, shall in future be carried out by pensioners or other ex-soldiers, free clothing being provided in accordance with the regulations laid down. It is proposed, if the money is forthcoming, to deal next with the recruiting houses at Bristol and Birmingham. Recruiting houses.

15. A Royal Warrant was issued in March last amending the conditions of service in the Royal Garrison Regiment. The changes made, among others, remove the restriction as to service only in the Mediterranean and certain other non-tropical stations. The terms of service were also altered to three years instead of two, and certain regulations were laid down as to the married establishment. Royal Garrison Regiment.

As many men of the battalions which had been raised in 1901 were becoming time-expired, arrangements were made to grant special furloughs to this country from the Mediterranean in the case of those desirous of extending their service. Permission has also been given for men who fulfil the conditions to enlist locally.

16. An alteration has been made in the terms of service of drivers of the Army Service Corps, the term of service being reduced to two years with the Colours and 10 years in the Reserve, in order to more rapidly build up a reserve for the force. A.S.C. drivers.

By the substitution of mechanical transport companies in the Army Service Corps for those in which animals are utilised, a new class of recruit is required.

17. In consequence of a report on remounts sent in from South Africa, the question of the standard of height for the Cavalry of the Line was brought forward for consideration, and with a view of preventing the enlistment of recruits who would become too heavy to be thoroughly efficient, the standard of height was altered in July, and was made the same for the three corps, Dragoons, Lancers, and Hussars, viz., under 20 years of age, 5 feet 4 to 5 feet 7; 20 years of age and over, 5 feet 6 to 5 feet 8. Cavalry standard.

18. With a view to popularising recruiting and to show regiments in their territorial districts, three marches have recently taken place, viz., that of the 2nd Bedfordshire through Bedford; the 2nd Essex through Essex; and a detachment of the Royal Munster Fusiliers through South Kerry. The reports of all three are most satisfactory; in the case of the 2nd Bedford 26 recruits were obtained, and recruiting has since gone on well. During the march of the 2nd Essex 23 Army and four Militia recruits were raised; and as the direct result of the march of the detachment of the 2nd Royal Munster Fusiliers Marches.

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eight recruits have since come in, while five recruits for the Line and Militia were attested during the march. The men's behaviour, which was uniformly good, should do much to remove the prejudice which undoubtedly still lingers in some parts of the country against a soldier's life; in fact, the Officer Commanding 101st Regimental District, in his report on the march of the detachment of the Royal Munster Fusiliers, states: "In some places it was learnt that young men of a recruitable age had been sent away by their parents to prevent their being first made drunk and then attested at the point of the bayonet." All officers concerned speak most highly of the kindness and hospitality shown by the local gentry, the mayors, &c., of the places through which the troops passed.

Portrait of the King.

19. His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of a coloured portrait of himself which has been issued for exhibition in barrack rooms and Army schools.

Posters.

20. In consequence of the changes made in the uniform of all arms and of alterations in equipment, practically the whole of the recruiting posters became obsolete. Steps have been taken to bring out a new and attractive series, though some delay must necessarily ensue in their production. An improved edition of the "Advantages of the Army" has been published.

Alterations in title.

21. His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the following alterations in title:—

The 18th Hussars will in future be designated "The 18th (Princess of Wales's) Hussars."

The Royal Malta Regiment of Militia to be in future designated "The King's Own Malta Regiment of Militia," a compliment much appreciated by all ranks.

The local companies of the Royal Garrison Artillery at Jamaica and St. Lucia, together with a third one to be raised at Sierra Leone, have been formed into one battalion, designated "The West Indian Battalion, Royal Garrison Artillery."

The Ceylon-Mauritius and the Hong Kong-Singapore Battalions of Royal Artillery will in future be designated "The Ceylon-Mauritius and the Hong Kong-Singapore Battalions of Royal Garrison Artillery"; and further alterations have been made as follows:—

The "Post Office Corps" will be called the "Army Post Office Corps."

The "Nottinghamshire (South Nottinghamshire) Imperial Yeomanry" will be called the "Nottinghamshire (South Nottinghamshire Hussars) Imperial Yeomanry," the "Yorkshire Hussars (Princess of Wales's Own) Imperial Yeomanry" will be designated the "Yorkshire Hussars (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own) Imperial Yeomanry," and the "2nd County of London Imperial Yeomanry" the "2nd County of London (Westminster Dragoons) Imperial Yeomanry."

Artillery recruiting.

22. Recruiting for gunners for the Royal Field Artillery has been satisfactory.

Irish Guards.

23. In last year's Report mention was made of the facilities afforded by the Irish Government to enable recruiting for the Irish Guards to be satisfactorily carried on in Ireland. A further concession has been made this year, and men of the regiment are now allowed to register their names as candidates for the Royal Irish Constabulary, provided they apply for registration not later than three months after enlistment.

Foot Guards.

24. Recruiting for the Foot Guards has not been at all satisfactory

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during the period under review, probably for the reason given in last year's Report.

25. Recruiting for the Infantry of the Line has been more satisfactory, but the large increase in the totals is mainly due to the fact that the mounted corps have been closed, and that recruits wishing to enlist had practically only the Infantry open to them. Infantry of the Line.

26. Recruiting for the Royal Garrison Regiment has shown a marked falling off during the year. This is probably partly due to the fact that the married men belonging to the units must in most cases remain separated from their wives and families owing to the insufficiency of married barrack accommodation at Malta and Gibraltar, and partly because the class from which these battalions are recruited is becoming exhausted. Royal Garrison Regiment.

27. The following table shows the number of recruits enlisted for long and short service respectively during the last five years, and the arms of the service in which they enlisted :— Distribution of recruits.

	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	First 9 months of 1903.
Terms of Service.					
12 years with the Colours	1,670	2,107	2,004	1,894	1,524
7 years with the Colours, and 5 years in the Reserve	32,531	37,974	34,203	9,917	..
3 years with the Colours, and 9 years in the Reserve	5,966	7,619	8,950	38,942	27,556
2 years with the Colours, and 10 years in Reserve	..	..	..	..	244
1 year with the Colours, or for the war, should it last longer	40*	24,449*	23,373*	10,573*	..
Re-enlisted { For one year ..	..	24,130§	655†	204†	..
Re-enlisted { A.O. 106 of 1900 ..	..	522‡	532‡	336‡	75
Royal Garrison Regiment ..	..	..	4,052	2,250	1,121
Colonial Corps (various terms) ..	2,493	1,560	1,882	924	506
Total..	42,700	98,361	75,651	65,040	31,026
Arms of the Service.					
Household Cavalry	145	370	201	149	50
Cavalry of the Line	4,793	8,335	6,397	6,189	358
Imperial Yeomanry	..	10,242	17,252	7,239	..
Royal Artillery { Horse and Field ..	4,005	9,667	7,024	8,663	2,422
Royal Artillery { Garrison	3,147	4,406	2,955	3,499	2,922
Royal Engineers	1,402	3,121	2,706	1,745	765
Foot Guards	2,155	3,112	2,307	1,837	1,144
Infantry of the Line	22,741	51,407	27,004	29,038	20,163
Royal Garrison Regiment ..	..	..	4,052	2,250	1,121
Colonial Corps	2,493	1,360	1,882	924	506
City of London Imperial Volunteers	..	1,664	..	..	..
Army Service Corps	957	1,923	1,115	1,922	727
Army Ordnance Corps	173	479	463	337	131
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	621	1,832	2,052	1,208	717
Army Pay Corps	..	8	2	..	..
Army Post Office Corps	68	235	239	40	..
Total..	42,700	98,361	75,651	65,040	31,026

* Imperial Yeomanry and Volunteers, &c., enlisted for 1 year or the duration of the war. † Imperial Yeomen re-enlisted for 1 year.

‡ Ex-soldiers, discharged on completion of 12 years' service, re-enlisted until attaining the age of 41, or until completing 21 years' total service, whichever happens first. § Royal Reservists.

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Distribution of recruits.

28. The subjoined table shows the number of recruits enlisted during the first nine months of 1903 for the various arms of the service, ex-soldiers re-enlisted for a minimum service of 4 years at home or abroad, and ex-soldiers who joined the Royal Garrison Regiment:—

Arms of the Service.	Ordinary Recruits.	Ex-soldiers re-enlisted under A.O. 106 of 1900.	Ex-soldiers re-enlisted under A.O. 59 of 1901 and 35 of 1903.	Total.
Household Cavalry	49	1	..	50
Cavalry of the Line	344	14	..	358
Royal Artillery { Horse and Field ..	2,416	6	..	2,422
Royal Artillery { Garrison	2,921	1	..	2,922
Royal Engineers	765	..	..	765
Foot Guards	1,144	..	..	1,144
Infantry of the Line	20,112	51	..	20,163
Royal Garrison Regiment ..	..	..	1,121	1,121
Colonial Corps	506	..	..	506
Army Service Corps	727	..	..	727
Army Ordnance Corps	131	..	..	131
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	715	2	..	717
Army Pay Corps	..	..	..	..
Army Post Office Corps	..	..	..	..
Total	29,830	75	1,121	31,026

Recruits enlisted under standard.

29. The following table shows the total number of recruits enlisted (exclusive of those for Colonial Corps), the numbers taken under any of the standards, and the percentage under standard, during 1903, as compared with the previous four years:—

—	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.* During first quarter.	1902.* During remaining quarters.	1903.
Total recruits joined ..	40,207	47,700†	45,157†	13,103†	37,650†	28,183
Number under any of the standards	13,788	14,524	14,840	3,943	4,297	1,722
Percentage under standard	34·3	30·4	32·9	30·1	11·4	6·1
				16·2		

* The table has been divided into two parts for 1902, owing to the introduction of the new system of medical examination, which commenced in the second quarter of the year, under which the number of men specially enlisted has considerably decreased.

† Excluding men specially raised during the war, and ex-soldiers re-enlisted under Army Order 106 of 1900.

The percentage has been largely reduced for 1903, as no men are enlisted under chest measurement under the new system.

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30. The effective strength of the several Colonial Corps between the 1st January, 1903, and the 1st October, 1903, and the number of recruits raised for each Corps, are shown in the following table: — Colonial Corps.

Corps.	Establishment on 1st October, 1903.	Effectives (rank and file). On 1st January, 1903.	Effectives (rank and file). On 1st October, 1903.	Wanting or supernumerary on 1st October, 1903.	Increase or decrease during the first 9 months of 1903.	Recruits raised during the first 9 months of 1903.
West India Regiment—						
1st Battalion	1,070	809	1,330			
2nd "	902	1,190	1,028	+ 615*	− 294	..
3rd "	..	695	197			
Depôt	108	295	140			
Royal Artillery—						
Sierra Leone Companies ..	206	206	211	+ 5	+ 5	36
West India Companies.. ..	257	185	186	− 71	+ 1	2
Hong Kong-Singapore Battalion, Royal Garrison Artillery ..	639	529	570	− 69	+ 41	52
Ceylon - Mauritius Battalion, Royal Garrison Artillery ..	378	282	334	− 44	+ 52	65
Royal Malta Artillery	757	734	632	− 125	− 102	86
Royal Engineers—						
Asiatic Companies	153	157	152	− 1	− 5	18
West India Companies . ..	73	125	116	+ 43	− 9	17
Chinese Regiment..	505	475	490	− 15	+ 15	32
West African Regiment	1,000	962	968	− 32	+ 6	173
Total	6,048	6,644	6,354	+ 306	− 290	506

* Caused by the reduction of the 3rd Battalion, which is still going on.

31. The number of Militiamen who joined the Regular Forces during the last five years is given below:— Militiamen enlisting in Regular Army.

Corps which the men joined.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	First 9 months of 1903.
Territorial Regiment or Royal Artillery or Royal Engineers ..	13,518	10,715	14,907	18,379	11,870
Other corps of the Regular Army					
Royal Navy or Royal Marines ..	722	247	666	615	559
Total	14,240	10,962	15,573	18,994	12,429

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Recruiting Agencies.

32. The number of recruits raised for the Regular Army and the Militia by the various agencies during the past nine months, and the number obtained in each recruiting area for the Regular Army during the past five years, will be found at page 48.

Recruiting by Permanent Staff of Yeomanry and Volunteers.

33. The number of recruits raised by the Serjeant Instructors of Volunteers and the Permanent Staff of the Yeomanry is: Army, 2,575; Militia, 1,521, as compared to Army, 4,369; Militia, 3,194 for the whole year 1902.

The decrease in Army recruiting may be ascribed to the causes already mentioned. The decrease in Militia recruits is very unsatisfactory.

Discharges as Invalids.

34. The number of men who were discharged as invalids in their first and second year of service during the period 1897 to 1903, and the proportion of such invalids to the effective strength, will be seen from the annexed table:—

Year.	Number of men under two years' service on 1st January in each year.			Invalids discharged during the year under two years' service.			Proportion of invalids per 1,000 effective under two years' service.	
	Under one year.	From one to two years.	Total.	Under one year.	From one to two years.	Total.	Under one year.	From one to two years.
1897..	25,478	23,957	49,435	465	532	997	18	22
1898..	30,665	22,278	52,943	524	459	983	17	21
1899..	36,248	26,629	62,877	549	454	1,003	15	17
1900..	*Figures*	*not available.*		*941*	*570*	*1,514**	*Figures not available.*	
1901..		*Ditto.*		*1,795*	*2,030*	*3,825**	*Ditto.*	
1902..		*Ditto.*		*1,211*	*1,040*	*2,254**	*Ditto.*	
1st Oct. 1903	42,670	39,058	81,728	671	741	1,415	15	19

* Exclusive of men of Yeomanry, Volunteers, and Irregular Corps raised specially for the war in South Africa, as well as those of the ordinary Colonial Corps.

35. Considerable difference of opinion continues to exist among medical officers as to the fitness or otherwise for the service of men with deficient or defective teeth. Cases are constantly arising of men being rejected and discharged on these grounds on joining their units, although they have satisfied the previous requirements of the examining medical officer who passed them as fit for the service.

Numbers medically inspected and rejected.

36. The following table, furnished by the Army Medical Department, shows the number of ordinary recruits who presented themselves

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for medical examination during the past five years, the number of those who were rejected, and the percentage of rejections:—

	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	First 9 months of 1903.
Numbers medically inspected ..	68,059	84,402	76,750	87,609	50,640
Numbers rejected—					
For various ailments	13,501	13,788	14,931	19,674	12,541
For want of physical development	8,892	9,317	7,355	8,547	4,588
Total rejected ..	22,393	23,105	22,286	28,221	17,129
Percentage of rejections—					
For various ailments	19·8	16·3	19·43	22·46	24·77
For want of physical development	13·1	11·1	9·58	9·76	9·06
Total	32·9	27·4	29·04	32·22	38·83

It is very unsatisfactory to notice the considerable increase in the percentage rejected for various ailments. This percentage is higher than it has been for nine years.

The decrease in the percentage rejected for want of physical development is mainly due to the greater care exercised by recruiters, but is partly owing to the new standard of chest measurement.

37. The figures given below, also furnished by the Director-General of the Army Medical Department, show the occupations and educational qualifications of the recruits medically inspected during the last five years:— Social position and education of recruits.

	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	First 9 months of 1903.
Occupations (proportion per 1,000 inspected).					
Labourers, servants, husbandmen, &c. ..	649	616	640	669	674
Manufacturing artisans (as clothworkers, weavers, lacemakers, &c.)	141	142	122	117	113
Mechanics employed in occupations favourable to physical development (as smiths, carpenters, masons, &c.)	103	133	132	117	113
Shopmen and clerks	68	70	63	59	51
Professional occupations, students, &c. ..	9	10	11	9	8
Boys under 17 years of age..	30	29	32	29	41
Total	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Education (proportion per 1,000 found fit).					
Well educated	71	83	98	55	67
Able to read and write	899	889	879	925	907
Able to read only	13	15	13	9	15
Unable to read	17	13	10	11	11
Total	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

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The decrease in recruits belonging to the higher class of occupations is probably due to the restrictions necessarily imposed on recruiting for the Cavalry and other popular corps.

Increase and decrease during the past five years.

38. The increase and decrease of each arm of the service during the past nine months will be found at page 8; and the increase and decrease during the past ten years at page 10.

These statistics are swelled owing to the inflated war establishments, and therefore are useless for comparison with those of normal times, or even with the preceding year, in consequence of demobilisation.

39. A table, showing the number of men who have re-engaged or extended service for various periods is annexed. In considering these tables it must be borne in mind that practically medical fitness and good character are the only qualifications necessary:—

Year.	Re-engagements.	Extensions of Service.		
		To complete 12 years.	To complete periods of less than 12 years	Total.
1895	2,947	3,571	657	4,228
1896	3,001	3,628	592	4,220
1897	2,745	3,064	740	3,804
1898	2,981	3,232*	1,574*†	4,806
1st October, 1903.. ..	2,985	2,986	2,856	8,827

* Includes 581 men of Foot Guards under A.O. 1 and 36 of 1898.

† Includes 552 special extensions (with bounty) abroad, and 219 extensions for two years in the Infantry of the Line under A.O. 23 of 1898.

Extensions of service of men enlisted for three years with the Colours.

40. The table herewith shows the recruits enlisted for three years' Colour service during the first nine months of 1900, and the number of such recruits who extended their service. The table shows, in addition, the percentage of extensions of the men who completed their three years' Colour service during the years 1900, 1901, 1902, and the first nine months of 1903.

Corps.	No. of recruits enlisted for three years during the first nine months of 1900.	Became non-effective before completing three years' service.	Completed three years' service.				Percentage of extensions to men who completed three years' service.
			Serving abroad or transferred to other corps.	Serving after having lost service through desertion.	Transferred to Army Reserve.	Extended their service.	
Grenadier Guards ..	391	90	2	—	280	19	6·3
Coldstream Guards ..	325	102	10	6	198	9	4·0
Scots Guards	220	80	9	3	86	42	30·0
Irish Guards	130	52	3	1	50	24	30·7
Royal Engineers ..	154	25	31	2	70	26	20·1
Army Service Corps ..	1,002	228	143	6	352	273	35·2
Army Medical Corps..	271	97	21	9	116	28	16·0
Infantry of the Line..	2,477	782	537	64	888	206	12·1
Total	4,970	1,456	756	91	2,040	627	17·8
			3,514				

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Percentage of extensions of men who completed three years' Colour service during:—

Corps.	1900.	1901.	1902.	First 9 months of 1903.
Grenadier Guards	19·0	12·5	9·9	6·3
Coldstream Guards	31·3	18·0	8·4	4·0
Scots Guards	33·6	34·3	31·6	30·0
Irish Guards..	..	..	..	30·7
Royal Engineers	32·3	8·4	15·7	20·1
Army Service Corps	13·5	5·4	31·2	35·2
Army Medical Corps	9·3	4·2	4·2	16·0
Infantry of the Line	..	..	13·6	12·1
General percentage	22	15·2	16·6	17·8

It will be seen that the tendency has been towards a decrease of extensions in the Foot Guards for several years. In the case of the Infantry of the Line there is a decrease as compared with the preceding year. It would, therefore, appear as if the improved pay conditions being only prospective have not yet exercised the desired effect.

41. The number of men who deserted, and of those who rejoined from desertion during the past five years, is given below. Desertion.

It will be seen that the diminution is very slight as compared to last year. It is hoped, however, that this percentage, which remains too high, will be reduced as a result of the introduction of the character system.

Year.	Total desertions.	Number re-joined from desertion.	Net waste by desertion.	Recruits joined.	Percentage of net waste to recruits joined.
1899	4,504	2,022	2,482	42,700	5·8
1900	6,378	2,438	3,940	49,260*	8·0
1901	7,686	2,689	4,997	47,039*	10·6
1902	7,162	2,851	4,311	50,753*	8·5
First 9 months of 1903	4,653	2,241	2,412	29,324*	8·2

* Excluding men specially raised during the war and ex-soldiers re-enlisted under A.O. 106 of 1900, A.O. 59 of 1901, and A.O. 35 of 1903.

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II.—Army Reserve.

Strength of 1st Class Army Reserve during last five years and nine months.

42. The following table shows the strength of the First Class Army Reserve during the past five years and nine months, and also the numbers belonging to the various arms of the service and to each of the four sections of the Reserve; the Reserve is gradually returning to a normal condition, and has increased by a net total of 33,606 since the 1st January:—

Date.	Arms of the Service.											Total strength.
	Cavalry.	Royal Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	Colonial Corps.	
1st Jan., 1899 ...	5,961	10,843	3,058	5,394	49,523	2,620	932	210	111	23	123	78,798
,, 1900 ...	3,255	3,337	1,178	1,323	13,907	1,205	16	15	4	7	110	24,130
,, 1901 ...	496	1,238	261	349	2,670	275	8	5	1	4	103	5,251
,, 1902 ...	285	927	243	237	342	206	8	5	42	1	102	2,398
,, 1903 ...	2,028	4,881	1,559	3,904	18,656	1,278	328	55	43	8	125	32,865
1st Oct., 1903 ...	5,599	7,841	2,657	5,790	40,403	2,488	1,095	130	198	17	253	66,471

The figures for 1900 are affected as regards all classes of the Reserve by the numbers recalled to the Colours on mobilisation, viz., 54,320.

227 men who rejoined the Colours in South Africa during 1899 are included in the "Arms of the Service," but not in the "Total strength."

Date.	Numbers provided for in Army Estimates as probable maximum.	Volunteers.	Sections of the 1st Class Army Reserve.				
			Section A.	Section B.	Section C.	Section D.	Total strength.
1st Jan., 1899 ..	83,000	..	1,360	58,674	2,000	16,764	78,798
,, 1900 ..	93,000	..	101	9,856	317	13,856	24,130
,, 1901 ..	90,000	2,163	4	995	106	1,983	5,251
,, 1902 ..	80,000	1	..	933	233	231	2,398
,, 1903 ..	70,000	..	328	28,759	697	3,081	32,865
1st Oct., 1903 ..	70,000	..	2,921	55,165	1,741	6,644	66,471

Increase and decrease.

43. Full details as to the increase and decrease of the Reserve, during the past five years, are given at page 109.

Transfer from the Colours.

44. The number of men transferred from the Colours to the Reserve on completing their Colour service, during the past five years, and of those permitted to pass to the Reserve before completing their

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Colour service, was as stated below. The totals do not include men demobilised :—

Year.	On completion of Colour service (Sections A and B).	Before completing Colour service (Section C).	Relegated to the Reserve, having re-enlisted irregularly.	Total.
1899	11,694	1,149	61	12,904*
1900*	9	2	2	13
1901*	359	360	85	804
1902	18,781	355	137	19,273
First 9 months of 1903 ..	26,340	1,412	54	27,806

* Transfers to the Reserve were suspended owing to the war.

45. A circular was sent out early in the year directing officers concerned to take steps to bring to the notice of such men as might be eligible the advantages of joining Section A of the Reserve, and copies of a leaflet containing information as to the conditions of service in the section were distributed. Section A.

A slight rearrangement was made in the number allotted to certain corps in consequence of the abolition of the quota for Mountain Artillery and the inclusion of the Irish Guards.

46. An alteration was made in May as regards the qualification for enlistment into Section D of the Army Reserve. Section D.

In January, 1900, as a war measure, men were allowed to enlist into Section D of the Army Reserve within two years from the date of leaving the Colours, instead of being obliged to do so within six months as hitherto.

This concession has now been cancelled and a reversion made to the original term of six months.

47. An important alteration has been made as regards the re-engagement in the Reserve of Artificers. The experience of the South African War showed that on mobilisation a large number of artificers for the mounted branches were required. During the recent war a considerable number of such men were enlisted and received a bounty on enlistment. These men naturally had no military training, and were only of use as tradesmen, and not as soldiers. It was felt that provision should be made in the future to prevent a recurrence of the recent difficulties, and an Army Order was brought out allowing artificers of the undermentioned trades, farriers, shoeing smiths, carriage smiths, saddlers, saddle-tree makers, and wheelers, serving in Section D of the 1st Class Army Reserve, to re-engage for further service in that section. Men under 46 years of age may re-engage for periods of four years at a time, or if over that age, for as many years as they can complete before attaining the age of 50. To ensure that such Reservists are competent workmen they are required to produce a certificate, countersigned by a responsible person, to show that they are working at their trade. Re-engagement of Artificer Reservists in Section D.

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III.—Militia and Reserve of the Militia and Imperial Yeomanry.

Characters for Militia recruits.

48. As has been previously stated, the stipulation that recruits must produce satisfactory references was extended to the Militia as well as to the Regular Army. The total number of recruits enlisted for the nine months shows a very large falling off as compared with the corresponding period for the previous five years. This regrettable decrease may perhaps partly be attributed to the formation of the Reserve for the Militia. Ex-soldiers and ex-militiamen who, prior to the formation of this Reserve, enlisted or re-enlisted into the Militia, now obtain exactly the same bounty as the ordinary militiaman without the obligation to come out for 27 days' training at a busy time of the year. The falling off is also attributable to the increased requirements as regards efficiency now demanded from the Militia, many more units performing their annual training in camps outside their own districts, and, to a certain extent, to the standard of height having been temporarily raised.

49. Under the new character scheme it is not always possible for the necessary references as regards recruits to be made without some delay occurring. A circular was issued in July last, laying down that the 49 days' drill on enlistment shall count from the day the recruit joins the regimental depôt, irrespective of the date at which he was finally approved.

Non-training bounties.

50. The concession made in 1902 that discharged soldiers and militiamen who, on their return from South Africa, desired to enlist or re-enlist in the Militia were permitted to draw the instalments or non-training bounty, even if they enlisted or re-enlisted after the termination of the training of their unit, was extended to all militiamen or Militia Reserve men who returned from South Africa during the year 1902, and who re-enlisted before the 1st February, 1903.

Reserve of Militia.

51. In March last, in accordance with the legislation passed the preceding December, an Army Order was brought out laying down the conditions of service in the Reserve of Militia.

Ex-soldiers or ex-militiamen, to join the Reserve, must have received at least a fair character on the conclusion of their former engagements.

Ex-soldiers who have been discharged from the Regular Army after at least three years' Colour service are eligible, provided 16 years have elapsed since the date of first attestation.

Ex-soldiers who have been invalided from the Regular Army after at least three years' Colour service may join if medically fit for home service.

Militiamen who have served 10 years in the Militia are also eligible.

The term of engagement is four years, and men may not join after 46 years of age, or remain serving after 50.

The men composing the Reserve are liable to be called up when the Militia is embodied by Proclamation for service with the Militia at home.

The Reserve pay for men who join from the Royal Garrison Regiment is £6 a year, for others £4 10*s*.

The strength of the Reserve on 1st October, 1903, was 5,052.

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52. To facilitate the entry of applicants into the Reserve of the Militia a circular was issued to General Officers Commanding authorising them to give authority to officers at out-stations to finally approve men for this Reserve where it was considered that this course would be beneficial to the public service. Instructions were also issued authorising travelling expenses of candidates to and from their homes.

53. At the commencement of the year the only Militia units remaining disembodied were certain companies of the Royal Army Medical Corps Militia; these were gradually disembodied as their services could be spared. Embodied units.

The Royal Army Medical Corps Militia and 31 other units were excused annual training during the year owing to their recent embodiment.

54. The several Garrison Artillery Militia units in Ireland which were mentioned in last year's report as having their recruiting suspended, have still been closed to recruiting throughout the year, thus contributing to a slight extent to the diminution of the Militia totals. Suspension of recruiting.

55. Three additional companies of the Royal Army Medical Corps Militia have been added to the establishment during the year: one to be raised in Scotland, one in the South-Eastern District, with headquarters at Chatham, and the third in Ireland, with headquarters at the Curragh. Additional companies, R.A.M.C. Militia.

56. Two tables are here given: (*a*) showing the strength of the Militia on the 1st January, as compared with the ordinary establishment during the last five years; and (*b*) the actual strength of each arm of the Militia on the 1st October, 1903, as compared with the establishment:— State of the Militia during the last five years.

(*a*)

Date.	Non-commissioned officers and men (exclusive of the Permanent Staff).				
	Effective strength.	Establishment.	Wanting to complete.	Increase or decrease in the effective strength during the preceding 9 months.	
				Increase.	Decrease.
1st January, 1900 ..	98,130(*a*)	123,137	25,007	..	5,517(*a*)
" 1901 ..	92,741(*b*)	124,252	31,511	..	5,389(*b*)
" 1902 ..	102,845(*c*)	123,993	21,148	10,104	—
" 1903 ..	102,420	123,016	20,596	..	425
1st October, 1903 ..	89,743	123,510	33,767	..	12,677

(*a*) Excluding 2,156 Militia Reservists called out on permanent service with line units in 1899.

(*b*) Excluding 10,981 Militia Reservists called out on permanent service with line units in 1900.

(*c*) Excluding 32 Militia Reservists called out on permanent service with line units in 1901.

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(*b*)

Arm of the Militia.	Non-commissioned officers and men (exclusive of the Permanent Staff).		
	Effective strength.	Establishment.	Wanting to complete.
Royal Field Artillery	238	297	59
Royal Garrison Artillery	13,072	17,376	4,304
Engineers	2,049	2,331	282
Infantry	73,643	102,332	28,689
Royal Army Medical Corps	741	1,174	433
Total	89,743	123,510	33,767
Embodied Militia included above ..	2	—	—

Recruits enlisted during last five years.

57. The following table shows the number of recruits raised during the past five years, classified according to nationalities and arms of the Service:

		1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	First 9 months of 1903.
Nationalities	English Militia..	30,674	30,904	29,674	32,363	20,148
	Scotch „ ..	4,364	3,500	4,233	4,451	2,138
	Irish „ ..	5,615	3,449	3,737	4,672	3,488
	Total	40,653	37,853	37,644	41,486	25,774
Arms	Artillery Militia — Field ..	—	—	306	95	150
	Artillery Militia — Garrison ..	4,221	3,727	3,553	4,666	3,527
	Engineer Militia ..	461	684	695	661	824
	Infantry „ ..	35,806	33,302	32,668	35,560	20,985
	Royal Army Medical Corps..	165	140	422	504	288
	Total	40,653	37,853	37,644	41,486	25,774

Nationalities and arms of the Service.

58. The nationalities and arms of the Militia during the past five years are stated below:—

Date.	Nationalities.				Arms.				
	English.	Scotch.	Irish.	Total.	Royal Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Total.
1st Jan., 1900	64,653	11,163	22,314	98,130	14,446	1,665	81,795	224	98,130
„ 1901	64,168	10,031	18,542	92,741	13,535	1,770	77,293	163	92,741
„ 1902	72,764	11,182	18,899	102,845	14,382	1,959	85,936	568	102,845
„ 1903	72,694	11,481	18,245	102,420	13,878	1,969	85,741	832	102,420
1st Oct., 1903	62,455	10,210	17,078	89,743	13,310	2,049	73,643	741	89,743

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59. Detailed information as to the increase and decrease of the Militia will be found at page 119. Increase and decrease of the Militia.

60. The number of re-enlisted and re-engaged Militiamen serving during the last five years is as stated in the following table:— Re-enlistments and re-engagements.

Serving on the	Re-engaged Militiamen.	Re-enlisted Militiamen.	Discharged soldiers.	Total.	Percentage on the enrolled strength.
1st January, 1899 ..	34,716	5,933	7,851	48,500	47
„ 1900 ..	31,462	5,797	7,091	*44,350	47
„ †1901 ..	—	—	—	—	—
„ †1902 ..	—	—	—	—	—
„ 1903 ..	17,712	5,976	4,413	28,101	27·4
1st October, 1903 ..	13,724	7,450	4,255	25,429	28·3

* Five Battalions serving in South Africa, whose numbers were not reported, are not included in this table.

† Figures for 1st January, 1901 and 1902, not available.

61. A return is appended, showing the loss caused by desertion during the past five years, and the percentage of such loss to the effective strength:— Desertion.

Year.	Total effectives on 1st of January in each year.	Deserted.	Rejoined from desertion.	Net loss by desertion.	Percentage to effective strength. Net loss by desertion.
1899	103,647	10,144	1,069	9,075	8·8
1900	98,130	11,885	2,449	9,436	9·6
1901	92,741	3,366	1,179	2,187	2·4
1902	102,845	10,453	1,224	9,229	8·9
First 9 months of 1903	89,743	9,435	1,013	8,422	9·3

62. A table is annexed showing the strength, classified according to nationalities, of the old Militia Reserve, the Special Service Section, and the New Reserve Division of the Militia, on 1st October, 1903:—

1st October, 1903.	England.	Scotland.	Ireland.	Total.
Old Militia Reserve ..	3,187	723	1,152	5,062
Special Service Section ..	977	304	939	2,220
New Reserve Division of Militia	3,923	596	533	5,052

The old Militia Reserve and the Special Service Section were abolished on the 1st April, 1901, and men were given the option of cancelling their engagements. The Militia Reserve had an Establishment of 30,000, and it will be seen there are still 5,062 remaining.

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Home Imperial Yeomanry.

63. Four additional units of Imperial Yeomanry have been formed during the past year: two in Ireland, with headquarters at Belfast and Limerick respectively, and two in Scotland, one to be styled the Scottish Horse, with headquarters at Dunkeld, and the other Lovat's Scouts, with headquarters at Beauly. The recruiting areas for these corps have been definitely assigned to them.

Recruiting.

64. The number of recruits taken during the nine months of the year amounts to 6,937, as compared with 8,845 for the preceding 12 months, and a table is given showing the establishment and strength of the Home Imperial Yeomanry on the 1st January, 1903, and the increase and decrease which has taken place during the nine months, from which it will be seen that the force has made a further net increase of 3,482.

Strength and Establishment of Home Imperial Yeomanry.

65. The following table shows the enrolled strength and establishment of the Imperial Yeomanry, all ranks, showing the number, supernumerary, or required to complete, on the 1st October, 1903, and the number who joined during the past nine months:—

Regiments.	Headquarters.	Establishment.	Strength.	Wanting to complete.	Supernumerary.	Recruits joined during past nine months.
Ayrshire	Ayr	596	462	134	..	79
Bedfordshire	Bedford ..	596	345	251	..	87
Berkshire	Reading ..	596	433	163	..	58
Buckinghamshire	Buckingham ..	596	596	..	..	197
Cheshire	Chester	596	591	5	..	116
Denbighshire	Denbigh ..	596	548	48	..	120
Derbyshire	Derby	596	533	63	..	57
Devon, Royal 1st	Exeter	596	457	139	..	84
„ Royal North	Barnstaple ..	596	592	4	..	107
Dorset	Sherborne ..	596	306	290	..	48
Essex	Colchester ..	596	581	15	..	46
Fifeshire and Forfarshire ..	Cupar	596	379	217	..	90
Glamorganshire	Bridgend ..	596	409	187	..	55
Gloucestershire	Gloucester ..	596	502	94	..	73
Hampshire	Winchester ..	596	340	256	..	102
Herts	St. Albans ..	596	275	321	..	65
Ireland, North of	Belfast	596	175	421	..	175
„ South of	Limerick ..	596	270	326	..	265
Kent, Royal East	Canterbury ..	596	409	187	..	62
„ West	Maidstone ..	596	319	277	..	87
Lanarkshire	Lanark	596	424	172	..	145
„ (Royal Glasgow)	Glasgow ..	596	495	101	..	..
Lancaster's Own, Duke of ..	Manchester ..	596	552	44	..	72
Lancashire Hussars	Liverpool ..	596	549	47	..	136
Leicestershire	Leicester ..	596	499	97	..	105
Lincolnshire	Lincoln	596	583	13	..	101
London, City of	London	596	548	48	..	109
„ County of, 2nd ..	London	596	489	107	..	58
„ „ 3rd ..	London	596	447	149	..	103
„ „ 4th ..	London	596	293	303	..	65

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Regiments.	Headquarters.	Establishment.	Strength.	Wanting to complete.	Supernumerary.	Recruits joined during past nine months.
Lothians and Berwickshire ..	Dunbar.. ..	596	478	118	..	167
Lovat's Scouts..	Beauly, N.B. ..	1,205	1,124	81	..	1,117
Middlesex	London.. ..	596	478	118	..	83
Montgomeryshire	Welshpool ..	596	478	118	..	116
Norfolk	Norwich ..	596	447	149	..	37
Northamptonshire	Northampton ..	596	417	179	..	75
Northumberland	Newcastle-on-Tyne	596	460	136	..	103
Nottinghamshire (Sherwood Rangers)	Retford.. ..	596	430	166	..	83
Nottinghamshire (South Nottinghamshire Hussars)	Nottingham ..	596	546	50	..	93
Oxfordshire	Oxford	596	465	131	..	109
Pembroke	Tenby	596	532	64	..	85
Scottish Horse	Dunkeld ..	1,205	384	821	..	388
Shropshire	Shrewsbury ..	596	476	120	..	124
Somerset, North	Bath	596	393	203	..	65
„ West	Taunton ..	596	347	249	..	84
Staffordshire	Lichfield ..	596	483	113	..	80
Suffolk	Bury St. Edmunds	596	415	181	..	159
Surrey	London.. ..	596	466	130	..	107
Sussex	Brighton ..	596	549	47	..	63
Warwickshire..	Warwick ..	596	513	83	..	45
Westmorland and Cumberland	Penrith.. ..	596	443	153	..	48
Wiltshire, Royal	Chippenham ..	596	595	1	..	130
Worcestershire	Worcester ..	596	480	116	..	100
Yorkshire Hussars	York	596	568	28	..	110
„ Dragoons	Doncaster ..	596	634	..	38	149
„ East Riding of ..	Beverley ..	596	422	174	..	350
	Total.. ..	34,594	26,424	8,208	38	6,937
				8,170		

66. The table at page 137 shows the increase and decrease in the Home Imperial Yeomanry during the past nine months of the year 1903.

IV.—Civil Employment.

67. The provision of civil employment for the large number of men discharged or transferred to the Reserve, owing to the conclusion of hostilities in South Africa, has continued to be a matter of vital importance. The National Association for the Employment of Ex-Soldiers has justified its removal to larger and more convenient premises by already providing, during the nine months of the present year, employment for a larger number of men than during the whole of the 12 months of 1902. This office has been in constant communication with the National Association, and, where possible, a member of my staff has invariably attended the meetings of the Working Committee. National Association.

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68. The branch societies of the National Association formed in South Africa during the latter part of 1902 have found employment for a considerable number of men, and facilities have been provided for the passages of the men's wives and families to that country. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have sanctioned the renewal for the current year of the grant of £500 towards the funds of these branches.

Instructions to officers in charge of registers.

69. Early in the year a circular was sent out to all officers in charge of civil employment registers, urging them to make strenuous efforts to assist ex-soldiers in obtaining employment. The circular specially directed officers to keep in touch with all large employers of labour in their district by preparing and sending out monthly lists showing the number of ex-soldiers seeking employment in the district, their trades, characters, qualifications, and for what class of work the man could be recommended.

70. The Field Marshal Commanding the 2nd Army Corps, recognising the necessity of making all possible provision for finding employment for reservists and ex-soldiers, gave the subject his personal attention, and issued a circular pointing out what further efforts could be made to improve the organisation in his command. He drew particular attention to the assistance which Adjutants of Auxiliary Forces could give in this important work, these officers having the advantage of being able to keep in touch both with civilians and ex-soldiers, and directed that all such officers should be placed in communication with and work in conjunction with the branch offices. All concerned had the necessity of constant intercommunication impressed upon them, also that it was the duty of officers to become acquainted with and to personally interview the employers of labour who have shown themselves most willing to assist in the good work.

The Field Marshal Commanding the Army Corps reports that the effect of his action has been that increased results have been obtained, and that he has been much impressed, not only by the good work done by officers past and present, but also by the interest shown by gentlemen unconnected with the Service.

Characters.

71. In April last the present system of recording the characters of soldiers on discharge or transfer to the Reserve was the subject of consideration. The Commander-in-Chief considered that the terms laid down in the King's Regulations, referring as they do mainly to the man's character during his military career, were too bald. The main object of giving a soldier a certificate of character is to assist him in obtaining employment in civil life if worthy of recommendation. Instructions were therefore given that while complying with the terms of the Regulations, the certificates should be so worded as to enable employers of labour to readily estimate the true worth of the applicant in his civilian capacity.

Offers of employment.

72. Applications have in several instances been received for reservists to take up certain employment offered. The Chief Inspector of Small Arms reported that he had vacancies for a certain number of skilled rifle shots at a weekly wage of 30*s.*, the work consisting in testing newly manufactured rifles and other employment connected with the ranges.

Notification was at once made to officers in charge of employment registers with a view of providing suitable men.

African Boating Company.

73. The African Boating Company made a generous offer to take

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in their service at Durban 100 reservists of good character, the Company agreeing to pay the men's passage out and to grant a free passage home to those who remained in the Company's service for not less than two years. The requisite number was sent out and the men have given satisfaction.

74. A separate branch of the National Association has been established in the town of Bristol itself, owing to the distance of the barracks from the city. **Fresh branches opened.**

A branch office has been opened at Hastings, at the instance of the Officer Commanding the 35th Regimental District, and an office has been opened at the Curragh and affiliated to the National Association.

The Mayor of Dover has taken a kindly interest in the question of civil employment for ex-soldiers, and placed a room in the Town Hall at the disposal of the local branch of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Association, where once a week a list of men seeking employment is taken and circulated among employers. The local press most courteously offered to publish such lists free of charge, an offer which was gratefully accepted.

75. In January the authorities connected with the Post Office in London informed the Chief Recruiting Staff Officer that they had no further vacancies, and asked him to suspend sending any further applicants for employment. This restriction was not removed until July. **Post Office vacancies.**

76. In February a letter was written to the Secretary of the General Post Office calling his attention to the opening of the employment of Army Reserve men which could be afforded if a certain proportion of the apppointments made in the mail cart service of the Postal System could be reserved for ex-soldiers. It was pointed out that the mounted branches of the service included men particularly suitable for this class of employment.

The Postmaster-General, in response to the application, wrote that he proposed to communicate with the mail cart contractors in some of the large provincial towns with a view of securing the employment of Army Reserve men by them as far as possible, and stated that he would at all times be happy to employ any influence he possessed with contractors to secure employment for reservists.

77. The Postmaster-General has written to say that he has been compelled to withdraw the relaxation of the height regulations which was granted in the case of candidates who had served in the Army or Navy, the work of the Post Office being such that men under the prescribed height of 5 feet 4 inches are too short to do the work efficiently. This decision was communicated to officers in charge of civil employment registers, and instructions were given that officers recommending candidates for the Postal Service should be careful that their actual height was correctly reported. **Alteration of standard for postmen.**

78. In recent years increasing efforts have been made to induce employers of labour to take ex-soldiers into their service. While instructions have from time to time been given impressing upon officers the absolute necessity of giving strictly reliable characters to men on leaving the Colours, it has been felt that imposition is possible by means of forged character certificates. It is proposed, therefore, with a view of protecting civilian employers, to introduce legislation next year in order that the cases of men who obtain employment by means of any forged or counterfeit certificate of service or discharge, or who personate the holder of a certificate of service or discharge, may be liable to punishment. **False certificates.**

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Customs watchers.

79. During the past nine months 29 places were filled by ex-soldiers as Customs watchers out of 69 vacancies which occurred, a gratifying increase in proportion to vacancies. In filling this class of appointment, preference is given to pensioners over army reservists. Naval and police pensioners obtained 33 of these.

Park-keepers.

80. Nine vacancies for park-keepers occurred during the nine months, all of which were filled by ex-soldiers.

Prison warders.

81. The following table shows (i) the number of vacancies which occurred in the Prisons service in 1901, 1902, and the first nine months of 1903; (ii) the number of such vacancies filled by ex-soldiers.

Prisons service of—	Number of vacancies in—			Number of ex-soldiers appointed in—		
	1901.	1902.	1903 (9 mths.)	1901.	1902.	1903 (9 mths.)
England and Wales ..	191	173	182	22	46	117
Scotland	31	37	27	2	10	10
Ireland	25	37	30	—	—	15
Total	247	247	239	24	56	142

It will be noticed that out of a total number of 239 vacancies in the Prison service of Great Britain and Ireland, 142 were filled by ex-soldiers, and that for the first time in the last three years ex-soldiers have obtained this class of employment in Ireland.

Pensioner messengers.

82. Vacancies occurred for 22 messengers during the past nine months; all these were filled by pensioners from the War Office list:—

Name of Government Department.	No. of vacancies as messenger filled through War Office Register.
War Office	12
Board of Trade	1
Board of Education	2
Local Government Board	2
Irish Land Commission	1
Civil Service Commission	1
Board of Agriculture..	1
Army Corps Audit Offices	2
Total	22

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83. The number of ex-soldiers to whom employment in departments under the War Office was given in 1901, 1902, and the first nine months in 1903; the total number of ex-soldiers in such employment on the 31st December, 1901, 1902, and the 30th September, 1903; and the number of reservists recalled to the Colours while employed in the departments, who have since resumed such employment on discharge, or on being granted furlough, are stated in the subjoined table:— War Office Departments.

Name of Department.	Number of ex-soldiers to whom employment was given in			Total number of ex-soldiers employed on 31st December, 1901 and 1902, and 30th September, 1903.			Number of Reservists recalled to the Colours while employed in departments who have since resumed such employment on discharge or on being granted furlough.	
	1901.	1902.	1903 (first 9 mnths.).	1901.	1902.	1903 (first 9 mnths.).	1902.	1903 (first 9 mnths.).
Royal Army Clothing Department and Factory	303	163	18	577	552	468	118	2
Works and Barracks Department	33	64	60	424	470	530	—	—
Ordnance Factories ..	534	518	156	2,276	2,380	2,174	430	5
Barrack wardens, barrack labourers, &c. ..	249	629	279	1,084	1,454	1,300	2	2
Army Ordnance Department	1,207	1,134	638	2,986	2,817	2,706	222	10
Total ..	2,326	2,508	1,151	7,347	7,673	7,178	772	19

The decrease in the number of ex-soldiers to whom employment has been given is due to the reduction of staff owing to the war pressure having ceased.

(b.) *Police Employment.*

84. The following table gives the number of vacancies which occurred in the Police Forces of the United Kingdom during 1901, 1902, and the first nine months in 1903, the number of such vacancies which fell to ex-soldiers in each year, and the number of reservists who have been recalled to service since the 11th October, 1899, and Police employment.

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who have since resumed police employment on discharge or on being granted furlough :—

Police Force.	Number of vacancies filled during—			Number of such vacancies given to ex-soldiers in—			Number of Reservists in the Force who have been recalled to service since 11.10.99, and who have since resumed Police employment on discharge or on being granted furlough.	
	1901.	1902.	1903 (first 9 mnths.).	1901.	1902.	1903 (first 9 mnths.).	1902.	1903 (first 9 mnths.)
London City Police ..	75	69	34	19	10	18	27	—
London Metropolitan Police	1,164	1,272	705	36	247	281	506	1
Borough and County Police, England and Wales	3,222	3,179	1,668	366	935	612	1,058	112
Scottish Police	760	620	395	30	125	93	90	4
Dublin Metropolitan Police	99	77	58	1	1	2	2	—
Royal Irish Constabulary	537	584	155	1	42	7	3	—
Total	5,857	5,801	3,015	453	1,360	1,013	1,686	117

Clerks, War Office.

85. During the past nine months, 50 vacancies as clerks in the War Office were given to ex-soldiers, and the number employed on the 30th September, 1903, was 224, of which number 23 are employed at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

London County Council.

86. A return received from the London County Council shows that the number of situations under the Council filled by ex-soldiers during the nine months ended 30th September, 1903, is 495, 209 of which were permanent.

Railway employment.

87. As will be seen from the abstract of returns received from the various railway companies given below, the number of ex-soldiers employed by them is yearly increasing, and the men so employed appear to give every satisfaction—a matter of great importance.

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(c.) *Railway Employment.*

Railway employment.

Returns have been received from the undermentioned railway companies, giving the number of ex-soldiers in their employment. The figures are as follows for the past three years:

Railway Company.	No. of ex-soldiers to whom employment was given during			Total number of ex-soldiers in the Company's service on 31st December,			The number of Reservists in the Company's service who have been recalled to Army Service since 11th October, 1899, and who have since resumed their employment either on discharge from the Army or on being granted furlough.	
	1901.	1902.	1903. (first 9 mths.).	1901.	1902.	1903, 30th Sept.	1902.	1903 (1st 9 mths)
ENGLAND AND WALES.								
Midland	624	1,597	1,631	1,866	2,154	2,713	659	25
London and North Western ..	524	1,799	1,785	1,610	2,451	2,537	882	19
Lancashire and Yorkshire ..	274	586	506	494	639	682	245	41
South Eastern and Chatham ..	89	267	105	423	767	394	152	25
Great Western	190	526	768	1,821	1,947	2,125	554	12
Great Northern..	139	344	321	666	802	859	376	26
London and South Western ..	153	273	311	697	827	878	246	32
Great Eastern	80	338	293	652	720	858	247	..
London, Brighton, and South Coast	121	686	264	433	580	623	246	12
Great Central	76	391	310	No record.			160	13
North Eastern	136	302	318	518	643	765	211	52
Cheshire Lines Committee ..	100	101	105	85	111	116	43	9
London and India Docks ..	41	246	264	154	312	362	111	17
London, Tilbury, and Southend	15	31	36	40	63	75	23	1
North London	18	20	42	153	172	180	49	..
Metropolitan	19	67	60	159	191	213	36	5
Manchester, South Junction, and Altrincham	5	7	5	14	19	21	3	2
North Staffordshire	21	61	28	30	64	62	39	1
Barry	24	21	8	48	42	49	10	..
Furness	8	15	9	24	30	30	5	1
Wrexham, Mold, and Connah's Quay	7	1	..	7	1	2	1	..
Rhondda and Swansea Bay ..	..	..	6	2	11	10	1	1
Maryport and Carlisle	..	..	..	3	2	2	..	..
Corris	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..
Citadel Station Committee, Carlisle	5	..	3	2	..	6	..	..
Festiniog..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wirral	..	..	2	2	3	1	..	1
Macclesfield Committee ..	..	*	*	..	..	*	..	..
Oldham, Ashton, &c., Junction	..	*	*	..	..	*	..	..
Metropolitan District	51	77	97	75	95	111	13	2
Total for England and Wales	2,720	7,756	7,283	10,008	12,646	13,676	4,312	297

* Blank; return in 1901 is last return.

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Railway Company.	No. of ex-soldiers to whom employment was given during			Total number of ex-soldiers in the Company's service on 31st December,			The number of Reservists in the Company's service who have been recalled to Army Service since 11th October, 1899, and who have since resumed their employment either on discharge from the Army or on being granted furlough.	
	1901.	1902.	1903. (first 9 mths.).	1901.	1902.	1903, 30th Sept.	1902.	1903 (1st 9 mths)
SCOTLAND.								
Caledonian	149	412	365	207	297	332	89	45
North British	217	393	386	283	416	484	104	30
Glasgow and South Western ..	121	169	133	107	118	161	28	2
Dundee and Arbroath	7	13	16	10	10	16	16	1
Highland	4	19	23	30	28	49	8	11
Aberdeen Joint Passenger ..	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1
Joint Committee General Station, Perth	8	8	5	6	9	6	1	..
Portpatrick and Wigtownshire	1	2	..	1	2	2	..	..
Total for Scotland	508	1,018	930	645	882	1,052	248	90
IRELAND.								
Great Northern	14	28	20	79	76	101	24	12
Great Southern and Western ..	35	25	†	30	16	†	10	†
Cork, Blackrock, and Passage ..	7	5	2	4	5	4	1	..
Midland Great Western ..	..	27	37	30	50	46	20	11
Listowel and Ballybunion ..	1	1	2	1	1	2	..	..
Cavan, Leitrim, and Roscommon Light Railway and Tramway Company	5	5	7	4	7	7	..	1
Total for Ireland	62	91	68	148	155	160	55	24
Grand Total	3,290	8,865	8,281	10,801	13,683	14,888	4,615	411

† Returns not yet to hand.

Industrial firms.

88. Insurance companies, notably the Pearl Life, continue to employ ex-soldiers, and a great many letters from private employers are still received, which are duly forwarded to the different agencies likely to supply the requirements made.

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(d.) *Official Employment Registers.*

89. The subjoined table shows the result for the past five years of the working of the employment registers in regimental and other recruiting districts:— Official employment registers.

Year.	Number registered for employment during the year.	Number for whom employment was found by means of the official registers during the year.				Percentage of men registered for whom employment was found.
		In the Post Office.	In other Government appointments.	In civilian firms, companies, &c.	Total for whom employment was found and accepted.	
1899	7,190	1,135	314	3,031	4,480	62·3
1900	1,774	300	118	850	1,268	71·5
1901	4,962	766	182	2,134	3,082	62·1
1902	17,127	1,395	199	9,183	10,777	62·9
1st Oct. 1903	12,576	1,416	193	8,184	9,793	77·8

It will be seen that no less than 77·8 of the men registered for employment have obtained work. This result cannot be considered other than satisfactory, and reflects considerable credit on all concerned.

(e.) *Voluntary Employment Societies.*

90. During the past nine months the head office of the "National Association" in London found employment for 1,592 ex-soldiers, as against 1,581 during the whole of the preceding year. It is hoped that this favourable result, consequent on the removal to better premises, will continue, and that the sphere of usefulness of the Society will be still further enlarged. National Association.

91. The "Army and Navy Pensioners' Employment Society" has procured situations for 1,889 ex-soldiers, and of these 691 situations were of a permanent character. Army and Navy Pensioners.

92. The "Guards' Employment Society" has found situations for 130 men, showing a material increase for the year. Guards' Agency.

General Remarks as to Civil Employment.

93. The table below records the number who left the Colours with characters entitling them to registration for civil employment. The total number is shown for whom employment was found by means of official registers, or the employment societies, and in departments under the War Office. General results.

Deducting those whose characters are unclassified, it will be seen that 35,119 men returned to civil life during the year with satisfactory characters, and that 25,118 were either provided with employment or had situations to go to.

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Number discharged or transferred to the Reserve with	"Exemplary" characters	4,346
	"Very good" characters	17,683
	"Good" characters	13,090
	Unclassified	14
	Total	35,133

Number of men for whom employment has been found	War Office Register (messengers, &c.)		263
	Regimental District Registers (affiliated to National Association) ..		6,182
	National Association (London office only)		1,592
	Pensioners' Employment Society ..		691
	Guards' Employment Society ..		130
	Departments under the War Office: Army Clothing Department	18	1,201
	Works and Barracks Department	60	
	Ordnance Factories ..	156	
	Barrack Wardens, Barrack Labourers ..	279	
	Army Ordnance Department	638	
	Clerks in War Office ..	50	
To these may be added	Men who are known to have themselves obtained employment ..		13,456
	Men whose situations were kept open for them		1,603
	General Total		25,118

Taking into consideration that these figures are only for nine months, and that trade in all directions has been very quiet during the period referred to, the above results must be considered very satisfactory.

Concluding Remarks.

Result for the year.

94. It was not to be expected that the high numbers of the three preceding years could be maintained after the termination of the war, and as previously pointed out, the restrictions caused by the excesses in establishment have materially affected the recruiting totals.

95 It is interesting to note that recruiting seems to attract annually only a given number of men to the Army. So long as the war pressure existed, recruits joined the more attractive arms, *i.e.*, the cavalry and artillery, and the infantry suffered accordingly. With the cavalry closed, and recruiting for the Artillery being maintained at a higher standard, the infantry has taken more recruits, but not enough for its requirements.

This all tends to show that under present conditions, even with the prospective advantages obtained by the soldier after two years' service, there is still a want of elasticity in the recruiting market. The changes

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which have been made do not affect the recruit immediately on his enlistment, and it would, therefore, appear that their ultimate effect does not appeal to the civilian.

96. A perusal of the annual reports of all the districts shows that Officers Commanding are on the whole satisfied with the physique of recruits, while practically all report that their behaviour at the depôts is generally satisfactory. The education in many cases is only described as fair. Reports on recruits.

97. The Commander-in-Chief, who made an inspection in the autumn of all depôts in Scotland, stated that he was extremely pleased with the recruits seen at the several depôts, and that all Officers Commanding Districts had reported that a better class of man was offering for enlistment.

98. In the Annual Report for 1902 attention was directed to the large number of recruits lost to the service owing to their rejection on physical grounds. Physique of recruit giving classes.

In the reports from the various districts particular stress has again been laid in several instances on the medical rejections, specially for teeth.

It may well be that the experience of the South African War has directed the attention of medical officers more especially to this subject. The fact remains that the number of men medically rejected is still very large, and should be the subject of anxious consideration.

The matter has been very fully dealt with by the Director-General of the Army Medical Department, and a conference took place in July last between representatives of the Admiralty and the War Office to consider the subject as affecting the two services.

As a result of this conference the matter was brought to the notice of the Home Office, and an Inter-Departmental Committee has been appointed to consider the subject of the physique of the classes from which recruits are drawn for both the Army and the Navy, with a view of determining whether the whole question should be considered by a Royal Commission. While it may be true that, taking into consideration improved hygienic conditions, the physique of the working classes is not actually deteriorating, it is of national importance to endeavour to discover by what means the present large number of medical rejections can be lessened or obviated in the future, especially when, as in the the case of Manchester, the medical rejections amount to 49 per cent.

99. All reports tend to show that the new scheme under which characters are required for all recruits has had a beneficial effect. It is too soon yet to judge it by results, but it may reasonably be expected that the loss to the service by desertion and discharge for misconduct will be lessened in future, while the entry into the Army of bad characters will be checked. With the knowledge that they will not have to habitually associate with men of low moral character in the barrack rooms, it is hoped that a better class of recruit will be attracted to the service in larger numbers.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
[Signed] F. HOWARD,
Inspector-General of Recruiting

The Adjutant-General to the Forces, &c.,
War Office.

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TABLE I.

RETURN showing the number of Recruits raised for the Regular Army, with the percentage of Infantry Recruits who joined the Territorial Regiment of the District, and for the Militia, by agencies under the orders of the Officer Commanding each Regimental District, Militia and Volunteer Artillery District, Engineer District, and Recruiting District, during the nine months of 1903. Also the number of Recruits raised for the Regular Army during the last five years, and the number of men serving in the Territorial Regiments on the 1st October, 1903, who were born in the Territorial District.

Recruiting Area and Head-quarters of Districts.	Regular Army.				Militia.	Finally approved for the Regular Army during the past five years.					Number in Territorial Regiment on 1st Oct., 1903, born in the Regimental District.
	For the territorial regiment of the district.	For other corps.	Total.	Percentage of Infantry recruits who joined the territorial regiment of the district.		1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903 (9 mths.)	
Militia and Vol. Arty., Scarborough ..	..	81	81	..	19	90	121	112	105	81	..
5th Regtl. Dist., Newcastle ..	59	95	154	54	688	551	521	359	475	154	261
68th " Newcastle ..	126	335	461	33	647	740	745	712	656	461	781
10th " Lincoln	154	75	229	81	157	361	495	378	314	229	685
14th " York	93	83	176	67	77	157	283	259	250	176	1,060
15th " Beverley	120	150	270	60	121	332	530	395	314	270	645
17th " Leicester	236	138	374	73	203	371	601	539	546	374	1,017
19th " Richmond ..	92	36	128	86	114	180	188	174	228	128	478
33rd " Halifax	175	289	464	48	416	564	741	801	829	464	605
45th " Derby	187	246	433	59	277	518	607	884	754	433	834
51st " Pontefract ..	58	101	159	47	120	366	366	262	329	159	1,139
65th " Pontefract ..	20	73	93	27	65	179	114	219	196	93	1,453
Leeds Recruiting District	..	364	364	..	449	522	516	431	512	364	..
Sheffield Recruiting District	..	501	501	..	437	371	526	538	641	501	..
York Engineer District..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total (N.E. District)	1,320	2,567	3,887	57·6	3,790	5,302	6,354	6,063	6,149	3,887	8,958

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Militia and Vol. Arty., Seaforth.. ..	..	198	198	..	220	216	266	230	304	198	..
4th Regtl. Dist., Lancaster	55	96	151	47	100	332	316	206	262	151	72
6th ,, Warwick	160	120	280	68	57	346	207	267	429	280	2,218
8th ,, Warrington	78	100	178	55	119	323	217	299	238	178	872
40th ,, Warrington	37	118	155	34	111	311	235	219	295	155	805
20th ,, Bury	225	60	285	82	343	404	386	324	665	285	1,255
22nd ,, Chester	116	348	464	43	285	552	415	695	923	464	769
23rd ,, Wrexham	25	16	41	76	158	110	120	82	104	41	236
29th ,, Worcester	371	42	413	97	160	405	379	271	580	413	867
30th ,, Preston	95	293	388	32	638	591	603	584	799	388	802
47th ,, Preston	80	205	285	36	244	466	610	746	768	285	660
34th ,, Carlisle	19	21	40	59	82	135	183	194	250	40	320
38th ,, Lichfield	111	83	194	70	150	377	474	417	426	194	1,508
64th ,, Lichfield	126	88	214	73	241	426	638	547	421	214	1,267
53rd ,, Shrewsbury	107	87	194	69	102	230	231	253	258	194	641
63rd ,, Ashton-under-Lyne..	387	80	467	86	326	181	265	349	547	467	1,128
Liverpool Recruiting District	..	630	630	..	1,194	611	724	1,289	1,301	630	..
Manchester Recruiting District	..	1,258	1,258	..	1,112	1,072	1,556	1,383	1,752	1,258	..
Birmingham Recruiting District ..	..	795	795	..	839	1,501	1,637	1,226	1,836	795	...
Chester Engineer District	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total (N.W. District) ..	1,992	4,638	6,630	65·9	6,481	8,589	9,492	9,581	12,158	6,630	13,420
Militia and Vol. Arty., Yarmouth ..	..	70	70	..	78	113	174	102	117	70	..
9th Regtl. District, Norwich	200	126	326	78	307	388	336	360	542	326	1,543
12th ,, Bury St. Edmunds..	244	276	520	79	520	364	776	551	777	520	1,864
16th ,, Bedford	143	130	273	72	626	338	293	406	379	273	1,097
44th ,, Warley	160	466	626	36	254	368	383	474	586	626	1,154
48th ,, Northampton ..	150	150	300	66	152	309	345	422	408	300	552
Colchester Engineer District	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total (E. District)	897	1,218	2,115	63·1	1,937	1,880	2,307	2,315	2,809	2,115	6,210
Militia and Vol. Arty., Dover	..	245	245	..	25	233	450	254	333	245	..
3rd Regtl. Dist., Canterbury	126	149	275	72	105	317	464	498	478	275	704
35th ,, Chichester	212	237	449	72	223	539	606	489	664	449	1,478
Total (S.E. District).. ..	338	631	969	72·6	353	1,089	1,520	1,241	1,475	969	2,182

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TABLE I—*continued.*

Recruiting Area and Head-quarters of Districts.	Regular Army.				Militia.	Finally approved for the Regular Army during the past five years.					Number in territorial regiment on 1st Oct., 1903, born in the regimental district.
	For the territorial regiment of the district.	For other corps.	Total.	Percentage of infantry recruits who joined the territorial regiment of the district.		1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903. (9 mths.)	
50th Regtl. Dist., Maidstone	121	130	251	70	54	161	314	243	373	251	867
Chatham (S.M.E.)	..	44	44	..	1	71	167	189	90	44	..
Total (Thames District) ..	121	174	295	70	55	232	481	432	463	295	867
2nd Regtl. Dist., Guildford	83	66	149	79	65	329	382	415	432	149	1,018
7th " Hounslow.. ..	125	124	249	57	105	487	563	567	462	249	2,424
57th " Hounslow.. ..	106	81	187	65	48	420	560	514	349	187	2,059
31st " Kingston	65	93	158	50	109	252	141	103	175	158	1,019
43rd " Oxford	86	60	146	75	121	266	309	292	254	146	1,171
49th " Reading	138	120	258	76	123	405	362	377	383	258	789
London Recruiting District	..	4,205	4,205	..	3,397	7,106	10,056	7,869	8,332	4,205	..
Total (Home District) ..	603	4,749	5,352	66·5	3,968	9,265	12,373	10,137	10,387	5,352	8,480
Woolwich Recruiting District.. ..	..	1,041	1,041	..	636	815	879	1,359	1,501	1,041	..
Total (Woolwich District) ..	..	1,041	1,041	..	636	815	879	1,359	1,501	1,041	..

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Militia and Volunteer Artillery, Gosport	..	15	15	..	3	46	51	25	28	15	..
37th Regimental District, Winchester	163	369	532	55	254	830	1,018	978	1,012	532	1,209
39th " " Dorchester	55	71	126	73	63	274	237	224	338	126	519
62nd " " Devizes ..	173	61	234	90	123	397	254	275	309	234	1,162
Portsmouth Engineer District	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total (Southern District).. ..	391	516	907	69·7	443	1,547	1,560	1,502	1,687	907	2,890
Militia and Volunteer Artillery, Devonport	..	145	145	..	25	135	191	158	227	145	..
11th Regimental District, Exeter ..	147	73	220	93	224	283	285	254	366	220	1,168
13th " " Taunton ..	131	167	298	74	134	341	369	382	432	298	899
32nd " " Bodmin ..	19	39	58	90	187	92	106	82	65	58	170
24th " " Brecon ..	135	122	257	64	431	188	219	265	468	257	425
28th " " Bristol ..	168	231	399	58	376	667	724	482	789	399	1,532
41st " " Cardiff ..	250	465	715	50	1,724	687	724	904	1,685	715	434
Devonport Engineer District	..	13	13	..	20	22	32	..	36	13	..
Total (Western District)	850	1,255	2,105	63	3,121	2,415	2,650	2,527	4,068	2,105	4,628
" English and Welsh Districts	6,512	16,789	23,301	64	20,784	31,134	37,616	35,157	40,697	23,301	47,635
1st Regimental District, Glencorse ..	61	36	97	68	140	197	198	158	121	97	514
21st " " Ayr ..	38	33	71	59	129	132	135	150	138	71	140
25th " " Berwick ..	56	54	110	61	135	145	122	103	165	110	329
26th " " Hamilton ..	57	141	198	40	114	157	161	173	491	198	413
71st " " Hamilton ..	37	93	130	36	92	229	410	272	395	130	353
Glasgow Recruiting District	..	626	626	..	618	1,273	1,584	1,572	1,377	626	..
Edinburgh Recruiting District	..	404	404	..	401	737	1,162	1,248	1,176	404	..
42nd Regimental District, Perth ..	156	239	395	48	107	689	749	775	786	395	1,023
72nd " " Fort George	31	9	40	93	428	136	126	70	104	40	819
75th " " Aberdeen ..	93	47	140	78	94	267	226	226	225	140	578
79th " " Inverness ..	31	17	48	75	86	66	90	47	44	48	151
91st " " Stirling ..	98	75	173	66	265	359	360	370	341	173	621
Edinburgh Engineer District	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total (Scotch Districts)	658	1,774	2,432	57·4	2,609	4,387	5,323	5,164	5,363	2,432	4,941

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TABLE I—*continued.*

Recruiting Area and Head-quarters of Districts.	Regular Army.				Militia.	Finally approved for the Regular Army during the past five years.					Number in territorial regiment on 1st Oct., 1903, born in the regimental district.
	For the territorial regiment of the district.	For other corps.	Total.	Percentage of infantry recruits who joined the territorial regiment of the district.		1899	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903. (9 mths.)	
Militia Artillery, Londonderry ..	..	70	70	..	81	24	76	43	45	70	..
27th Regimental District, Omagh ..	61	33	94	74	188	152	154	154	197	94	618
83rd " " Belfast ..	76	367	443	23	657	795	1,188	748	798	443	791
87th " " Armagh..	96	96	192	62	285	157	153	153	273	192	376
Total (Belfast District) ..	233	566	799	41·6	1,211	1,128	1,571	1,098	1,313	799	1,785
Dublin Recruiting District	..	641	641	..	840	1,016	1,054	1,209	1,232	641	..
88th Regimental District, Galway ..	134	62	196	85	273	218	125	169	177	196	330
100th " " Birr ..	66	110	176	52	390	236	137	219	347	176	397
102nd " " Naas ..	70	71	141	59	248	223	188	165	230	141	1,343
Total (Dublin District) ..	270	884	1,154	66	1,751	1,693	1,504	1,762	1,986	1,154	2,070
Militia Artillery, Cork	..	188	188	..	142	121	230	225	464	188	..
18th Regimental District, Clonmel ..	85	143	228	67	385	356	297	310	473	228	1,287
101st " " Tralee ..	145	138	283	65	733	689	438	383	455	283	1,717
Total (Cork District)	230	469	699	65·9	1,260	1,166	965	918	1,392	699	3,004
" Irish Districts	733	1,919	2,652	55·4	4,222	3,987	4,010	3,778	4,691	2,652	6,859

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English Districts	6,102	16,186	22,288	64·6	18,471	30,149	36,553	33,906	38,440	22,288	} 47,635
Welsh „	410	603	1,013	55·2	2,313	985	1,063	1,251	2,257	1,013	
Scotch „	658	1,774	2,432	57·4	2,609	4,387	5,323	5,164	5,363	2,432	4,941
Irish „	733	1,919	2,652	55·4	4,222	3,987	4,040	3,778	4,691	2,652	6,859
Total	7,903	20,482	28,385	62·5	27,615	39,508	46,979	44,099	50,751	28,385	59,435

N.B.—The above does not include recruits raised at the head-quarters of regiments, battalions, batteries, and embodied Militia units stationed outside their Territorial District.

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Table II.

State of the Army (Non-commissioned Officers and Men) on the 1st January in each year, from 1899 to 1003.

	On 1st Jan. 1899.	On 1st Jan. 1900.	On 1st Jan. 1901.	On 1st Jan. 1902.	On 1st Jan. 1903.	On 1st Oct. 1903.
Total Effectives	222,373*	290,914	406,443	383,462	311,386	279,303
Establishments	223,542	280,954	357,211	357,405	292,877	274,074
Supernumerary	..	9,960	49,232	26,057	18,509	5,229
Wanting to complete ..	1,169	..	..	..	..	..

* Includes 1,106 of West African Regiment not provided for in the Establishment.

Increase and Decrease of the Army during the last Five Years.

Increase.	During 1899.	During 1900.	During 1901.	During 1902.	During 1903. 9 months.	During 4 years & 9 months.
Recruits joined	42,700	98,361	75,651	65,040	31,026	312,778
Other causes	2,137	32,091	..	..	3,495	37,723
Total increase	44,837	130,452	75,651	65,040	34,521	350,501
Waste (exclusive of transfers to the Reserve).						
Deaths	2,457	10,153	5,969	3,896	1,560	24,035
Desertion (net loss) ..	2,482	3,940	4,997	4,311	2,412	18,142
Given up as deserters ..	55	112	108	89	65	429
Discharged—						
Purchase, and free by indulgence	3,623	663	909	5,150	4,489	14,834
Invalids	3,377	5,927	9,614	8,869	4,074	31,861
Completion of engagement	1,691	1,003	19,193	32,290	6,794	60,971
Misconduct	2,158	1,901	2,521	2,903	2,972	12,455
Other causes	1,756	5,675	38,586*	30,878*	5,869	82,764
	12,605	15,169	70,823	80,090	24,198	202,885
To Militia, Yeomanry, and Volunteers	560	1,211	883	679	714	4,047
Other causes	895	..	16,236	12,472	..	29,603
Total waste (exclusive of transfers to the Reserve)	19,054	30,585	99,016	101,537	28,949	279,141

* Mainly men who had been enlisted for short service during the war.

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TABLE II—*continued.*

INCREASE and Decrease of the Army during the last Five Years—*cont.*

WASTE (by transfer to the Reserve).	During 1899.	During 1900.	During 1901.	During 1902.	During 1903. 9 months.	During 4 years & 9 months.
On completion of service..	11,694	63	359	18,781	25,721	56,618
On conversion of service ..	1,149	2,951*	360	355	1,412	6,227
Relegated (after irregularly re-enlisting)	61	41	85	137	54	378
On demobilisation.. ..	..	..	..	17,559	10,959	28,518
	12,904	3,055	804	36,832	38,146	91,741
Re-transfers from the Reserve	55,662	18,717	1,188	1,253	491	77,311
Total waste (by transfer to the Reserve	+ 42,758	+ 15,662	+ 384	− 35,579	− 37,655	−14,430
NET GAIN BY RECRUITING.						
Without deducting transfers to the Reserve ..	+ 25,783	+ 99,867	− 23,365	− 36,497	+ 5,572	+71,360
Deducting transfers to the Reserve	+ 68,541	+115,529	− 22,981	− 72,076	− 32,083	+56,930

* Includes 2,869 men of Volunteer waiting companies (Army Order 29 of 1900).

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TABLE 3.—Showing RECRUITS medically inspected, the numbers found fit for the service, the numbers which actually joined, how they were raised, the countries which furnished them, the terms of enlistment, for each quarter to 30th September, 1903.

Quarters ended.	Recruiting Report.					How Raised.														Where Raised.		
	Medically Inspected.	Rejected.		Finally Approved.	Joined Unit.	Head-Quarters of Regiment.	Regimental Districts.					Artillery Agencies.	Engineer Agencies.	Recruiting Districts.					Joined Units.	England.	Scotland.	Ireland.
		Medically.	By Approving Officer.				Paid Recruiters.	Special Paid Recruiters.	Paid Pensioners.	Ordinary Recruiters.	Total.			Paid Recruiters.	Special Paid Recruiters.	Paid Pensioners.	Ordinary Recruiters.	Total.				
Quarter ended 31st March	26,658	6,674	497	13,251	13,251	446	1,523	399	1,820	4,062	8,250	452	29	834	456	1,833	1,397	4,520	13,251	10,929	1,111	1,211
„ „ 30th June	15,179	3,459	398	6,914	6,914	377	617	207	1,023	1,844	4,068	216	16	333	370	1,159	752	2,614	6,914	5,811	503	600
„ „ 30th September	19,024	4,240	523	9,410	9,410	367	1,062	213	1,353	2,728	5,723	344	12	544	447	1,447	893	3,331	9,410	7,861	654	895
Total	60,861	14,373	1,418	29,575	29,575	1,190	3,202	819	4,196	8,634	18,041	1,012	57	1,711	1,273	4,439	3,042	10,465	29,575	24,601	2,268	2,706
																				29,575		

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TABLE 4.—AVERAGE HEIGHTS, CHEST MEASUREMENTS and WEIGHTS of RECRUITS who complete 6 months' service and a Gymnastic Course (excluding Colonial Corps).

—	Average Heights.		Average Chest Measurement.		Average Weights.	
	On Enlistment.	After Gymnastic course and 6 months' Service.	On Enlistment.	After Gymnastic course and 6 months' service.	On Enlistment.	After Gymnastic course and 6 months' service.
Household Cavalry ..	5 11⅜	6 0⅛	36⅜	37¾	157½	164
Cavalry of the Line ..	5 6¼	5 7⅝	34½	34⅝	135·1	140·8
Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	5 6¼	5 7	33¾	34¾	130½	138¾
Royal Garrison Artillery	5 8¾	5 8¾	34½	35¼	135¾	145
Royal Engineers.. ..	5 7½	5 8	34¾	35¾	137½	144¼
Foot Guards	5 8⅝	5 9⅛	35½	36¼	142·3	151·11
Infantry of the Line ..	5 4⅞	5 5½	33	34¼	123·3	131·2
Army Service Corps ..	5 4½	5 5⅜	33½	34½	124	132
Army Ordnance Corps ..	5 6½	5 7⅛	35¾	36½	127	142
Royal Army Medical Corps.	5 5	5 5½	33½	34	129	130

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TABLE 5.—Showing the NUMBER of RECRUITS joined at Home during the past ten years, distinguishing those who became Non-effective from various causes within Three Months of the Date of Enlistment.

Years.	Number of Recruits joined at Home.	Casualties within three months of Date of Enlistment.								Total serving on Army Engagement at the expiration of Three Months from Date of Enlistment.
		Died.	Deserted and not rejoined within 3 months of Enlistment.	Claimed Discharge under sec. 81, Army Act, 1881.	Discharged for Fraudulent Enlistment or for making false answers on attestation.	Discharged as Invalids.	Discharged as not likely to become efficient Soldiers.	Discharged for other causes.	Total.	
1894	33,159	20	611	1,136	141	29	332	415	2,684	30,475
1895	28,865	13	561	905	184	21	294	361	2,339	26,526
1896	27,670	14	553	996	218	36	344	383	2,544	25,126
1897	33,475	19	737	1,225	186	63	448	543	3,224	30,251
1898	38,279	19	906	1,668	220	74	288	660	3,835	34,444
1899*	32,143	33	827	1,038†	167	43	341	656	3,105	29,038
1900*	44,685	70	1,499	24†	175	70	391	873	3,102	41,583
1901*	41,532	23	1,752	26†	252	68	651	1,108	3,885	37,647
1902‡	50,749	31	1,703	933	221	103	1,279	1,359	5,629	45,120
1903 (9 months) ..	29,130	12	605	590	122	50	595	650	2,624	26,506
Proportion per 1,000 of recruits joined during 1903 (9 months) ..	—	·41	20·77	20·25	4·19	1·71	20·43	22·31	90·07	909·93

* The numbers given are incomplete.

† Discharges by purchase were suspended during the war October, 1899—May 1902.

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TABLE 6.—NUMBER OF RECRUITS WHO HAVE JOINED THE SERVICE SINCE 1894.

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TABLE 6.—NUMBER of RECRUITS who have joined the Service and short

—	1894.		1895.		1896.		1897.	
	Long.	Short.	Long.	Short.	Long.	Short.	Long.	Short.
Household Cavalry	135	—	131	—	195	—	150	—
Cavalry of the Line	88	3,020	74	2,313	77	2,692	85	2,341
Royal Horse and Field Artillery ... / Royal Garrison Artillery	266	4,737	250	4,302	166	4,267	181	6,176
Royal Engineers	72	739	80	835	69	853	86	731
Foot Guards	25	1,001	42	1,131	36	1,227	67	1,995
Infantry of the Line	777	21,598	780	18,373	798	16,448	864	20,173
Colonial Corps	303	50	402	122	253	470	485	808
Army Service Corps	20	395	13	368	21	501	23	499
Royal Army Medical Corps	8	333	10	255	11	361	11	238
Army Ordnance Corps	5	77	27	66	12	58	33	63
*Corps of Armourers	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Army Post Office Corps...	—	40	—	9	—	17	—	6
All Arms	1,708	31,990	1,809	27,774	1,638	26,894	1,985	33,030
	33,698		29,583		28,532		35,015	

N.B.—General Order 34 of 1874 defined the proportions in which recruits for long and short service respectively were permitted to be enlisted for the several arms of the service.

Under General Orders 51 of 1874 and 53 of 1875 recruits for the Royal Artillery and Foot Guards were permitted to be enlisted for long and short service indiscriminately.

Under Army Circular 1874 (Cl. 67) short service in the Cavalry, Artillery, and Engineers consisted of 8 years with the colours and 4 years with the reserve, and in the Infantry and Army Service Corps of 6 years with the colours and 6 years with the reserve.

Under General Order 18 of 1878 all enlistments for Infantry of the Line, except men specially enlisted and boys under 16 years of age, were to be for *short service*.

* Brought on the Regimental Establishment as a Corps on 1st April, 1889. Incorporated with Army Ordnance Corps from 1st of April, 1895.

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since 1894, showing those who enlisted in each Arm for long service respectively.

1898.		1899.		1900.		1901.		1902.		1903. (9 months)	
Long.	Short.	Long.	Short.	Long.	Short.	Long.	Short.	Long.	Short.	Long.	Short.
121	—	145	—	312	—	201	—	149	—	49	1
102	3,676	88	4,705	84	6,718	112	6,253	127	6,051	97	261
263	6,270	194	3,811	307	6,912	163	6,674	169	8,362	224	2,198
		195	2,952	122	2,919	152	2,699	164	3,318	138	2,784
105	954	73	1,329	125	2,055	130	1,680	98	1,475	42	723
91	2,192	51	2,104	53	2,412	82	2,216	59	1,775	68	1,076
901	22,537	805	21,936	964	21,536	976	21,172	896	25,498	731	20,553
820	1,491	423	2,070	593	967	281	1,601	423	501	27	479
25	441	52	905	62	1,748	95	1,008	167	1,129	125	602
11	541	11	570	30	745	20	1,068	10	969	50	81
46	133	56	117	48	313	73	383	55	282	—	717
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	9	—	68	—	235	—	—	—	—	—	—
2,485	38,244	2,093	40,567	2,700	46,560	2,285	44,754	2,317	49,360	1,551	29,475
40,729		42,660		49,260		47,039		51,677		31,026	

Under General Order 80 of 1881 short service consists of 7 years with the colours and 5 years with the reserve. This Order also defines the class of, and corps for which, men are to be enlisted for long service.

Under General Order 90 of 1883 short service in the Foot Guards consisted of 3 years with the colours and 9 years with the reserve.

Under General Order 66 of 1887 short service in the Royal Engineers consists of 7 years with the colours and 5 years in the reserve, or 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve; and in the Army Service Corps and Medical Staff Corps of 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve.

Under Army Order 254 of 1890 short service in the Foot Guards consists of 7 years with the colours and 5 years in the reserve, or 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve.

Under Army Order 11 of 1891 short service in the Medical Staff Corps consists of 7 years with the colours and 5 years in the reserve, or 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve.

Under Army Order 60 of 1898 short service recruits for the Infantry of the Line were permitted to be enlisted to a limited extent for 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve.

Under Army Order 73 of 1902 short service in Cavalry of the Line, Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, Foot Guards, Infantry of the Line, Army Service Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps, and Army Ordnance Corps consists of 3 years with the colours and 9 in the reserve.

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TABLE 7.—AGES of the RECRUITS who joined the Regular Army in each Year from 1894 to 1903.

Year.	Under 17 years.	17 and under 18 years.	18 and under 19 years.	19 and under 20 years.	20 and under 21 years.	21 and under 22 years.	22 and under 23 years.	23 and under 24 years.	24 and under 25 years.	25 years and upwards.	Not reported	Total.
1894	1,274	86	14,919	7,073	3,618	2,607	1,908	1,167	873	152	21	33,698
1895	1,269	87	12,918	6,092	3,129	2,378	1,737	1,030	792	133	18	29,583
1896	1,204	90	12,486	6,336	3,061	2,043	1,468	953	706	155	30	28,532
1897	1,367	189	16,083	7,405	3,544	2,514	1,733	1,054	765	206	174	35,034
1898	1,530	212	17,362	8,538	4,242	2,738	2,162	1,313	950	193	1,461	40,701
1899*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42,660
1900*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	49,260
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	47,039
1902	1,533	604	21,066	9,652	5,906	3,893	2,978	1,750	1,498	764	1,973	51,677
1903 (9 months)	1,499	156	13,127	5,852	3,335	2,160	1,450	1,099	952	1,338	58	31,026

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

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PART IV.—RE-ENGAGEMENTS, EXTENSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DESERTIONS.

TABLE 1.—RE-ENGAGEMENTS and EXTENSIONS of SERVICE from 1st January to 30th September, 1903.

—	Re-engagements.					Men enlisted for short service who extended their engagement with the colours.													
						To complete 8 years.							To complete a period of 12 years.						
	9 to 10 years' service.	10 to 11 years' service.	11 to 12 years' service.	Over 12 years.	Total.	Under 1 year's service.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 6 years.	Over 6 years.	Under 3 years' service.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 6 years.	6 to 7 years.	Over 7 years.	Total.
Household Cavalry	—	2	32	—	34	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line	11	22	168	64	265	40	104	26	24	8	4	4	18	22	13	10	123	147	553
Royal Horse and Field Artillery...	23	28	207	78	336	126	71	20	19	6	4	20	10	11	11	38	113	196	615
Royal Garrison Artillery	21	14	30	30	95	95	30	5	8	—	2	4	2	6	10	24	102	227	515
Royal Engineers	19	19	97	16	151	29	25	16	15	4	5	24	—	6	18	59	62	—	263
Foot Guards	6	1	53	3	63	89	23	24	3	1	—	2	2	1	2	12	29	1	189
Infantry of the Line	154	239	1,158	235	1,786	585	379	139	54	5	3	36	106	27	65	91	511	615	2,666
Colonial Corps	1	11	40	84	136	—	—	—	—	—	9	2	—	6	5	12	11	15	60
Army Service Corps...	11	8	59	24	102	113	37	243	89	20	12	4	2	—	3	8	72	65	668
Army Ordnance Corps	10	5	30	4	49	16	3	—	2	—	—	—	1	2	—	4	12	9	49
Royal Army Medical Corps ...	11	15	43	10	79	60	46	11	25	18	2	—	2	3	8	51	28	—	254
Army Pay Corps	—	5	18	2	25	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	6	19	9	40
All Arms	267	369	1,935	550	3,121	1,153	718	486	239	62	41	96	143	107	136	325	1,112	1,284	5,902

In addition to the numbers shown above, 756 of the Royal Garrison Regiment extended their service to complete 3 years, 995 to complete 4 years, and 2 to complete 5 years' service. 29 men of the 1st Chinese Regiment also extended for 1 year.

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TABLE 2.—RE-ENGAGEMENTS and Extensions of Service under the Army Enlistment Act of 1870 in each year from 1894 to 1903.

Year.	Re-engagements.				Men enlisted for short service who extended their engagement.		Year.
	After 9 years' service.	After 10 years' service.	After 11 years' service.	Total.	To complete a period of 12 years.	To complete periods of less than 12 years.	
1894..	446	412	1,684	2,542	3,730	790(1)	1894
1895..	464	430	2,053	2,947	3,571	657(2)	1895
1896..	458	499	2,044	3,001	3,628	592(3)	1896
1897..	391	409	1,945	2,745	3,064	740(4)	1897
1898..	454	477	2,050	2,981	§3,232	§1,574(5)	1898
1899*	376	415	1,401	2,192	2,562	739(6)	1899*
1900*	—	—	—	—	—	—	1900*
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	1901*
1902*	—	—	—	—	—	—	1902*
1903 (9 months)	267	369	2,485	3,121	3,107	4,577(7)	1903 (9 months)

§ A gratuity authorised to men of Foot Guards to extend their service with the Colours (Army Orders 1 and 36, of 1898).

(1) Including 154 special extensions (with bounty) abroad.
(2) Including 133 special extensions (with bounty) abroad.
(3) Including 70 special extensions (with bounty) abroad.
(4) Including 283 special extensions (with bounty) abroad.
(5) Including 552 special extensions (with bounty) abroad, and 198 extensions for two years under Army Order 23, of 1898.
(6) Including 55 special extensions (with bounty) abroad.
(7) Including 1,753 extensions in the Royal Garrison Regiment to complete 3, 4, or 5 years, and 29 in the Chinese Regiment for one additional year.

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

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RE-ENGAGEMENTS, EXTENSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DESERTIONS.

TABLE 3.—NUMBER of MEN reported as discharged from each arm of the Service, and the number of pensions granted from 1st January to 30th September, 1903.

—	Total Number of Men Discharged.	Pensions granted.			
		Permanent.			Temporary.
		To men serving with Regular Forces.	To men serving with Militia, Yeomanry, Volunteers, Unattached List, &c.	Total.	
Household Cavalry	107	22	—	22	3
Cavalry of the Line	2,123	153	20	173	251
Imperial Yeomanry	1,466	—	—	—	—
Royal Horse and Field Artillery ..	2,515	302	55	357	323
Royal Garrison Artillery.. ..	1,257				
Royal Engineers	1,580	103	9	112	44
Foot Guards	855	39	1	40	93
Infantry of the Line	11,799	836	360	1,196	1,934
Colonial Corps	700	65	—	65	64
Army Service Corps	968	61	—	61	21
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	504	45	—	45	34
Army Ordnance Corps	143	27	—	27	8
Army Pay Corps	22	15	—	15	—
Army Post Office Corps	154	—	—	—	—
All Arms.. ..	24,198	1,668	445	2,113	2,775

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RE-ENGAGEMENTS, EXTENSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DESERTIONS.

TABLE 4.—NUMBER of MEN DISCHARGED and number of PENSIONS granted, whether permanent or temporary, during each year from 1894 to 1903.

Year.	Total.	Pensions granted.		Year.
		* Permanent.	Temporary.	
1894 ..	10,480	1,319	1,184	1894
1895 ..	10,496	1,504	996	1895
1896 ..	11,396	1,583	1,002	1896
1897 ..	12,966	1,665	1,042	1897
1898 ..	12,983	1,678	1,095	1898
1899 ..	12,605	1,676	1,356	1899
1900 ..	15,169	725	3,452	1900
1901 ..	70,823	1,523	9,722	1901
1902 ..	80,090	2,530	10,345	1902
1903 .. (9 months)	24,198	2,113	2,775	1903 (9 months)

* Inciudes pensions granted to men on discharge from the Permanent Staff of Auxiliary Forces, unattached list, &c.

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TABLE 5.—NUMBER of DESERTIONS from each Arm of the Service from 1st January to 30th September, 1903, showing the services of the men, the number who rejoined, and the nett loss from desertion.

—	Under 3 months.	3 to 6 months.	6 to 12 months.	1 to 2 years.	Over 2 years.	Not stated.	Total Deserted.	*Rejoined from Desertion.	Nett loss from Desertion.
Household Cavalry	2	—	—	1	8	—	11	6	5
Cavalry of the Line	60	82	96	68	109	—	425	242	183
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	167	96	126	88	93	—	570	363	207
Royal Garrison Artillery	79	36	33	45	59	—	252	86	166
Royal Engineers	2	7	10	34	92	—	145	37	108
Foot Guards	23	6	19	31	61	2	147	78	69
Infantry of the Line	741	459	519	493	613	—	2,825	1,337	1,488
Colonial Corps	11	18	5	24	58	—	116	9	107
Army Service Corps	22	16	13	9	13	—	73	44	29
Royal Army Medical Corps	8	3	12	9	27	—	59	8	51
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	—	1	4	—	5	2	3
Army Pay Corps	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1
All Arms	1,120	723	843	803	1,138	2	4,623	2,212	2,417

* This includes men fraudulently enlisted and held to serve in the Corps in which they last enlisted.

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TABLE 6.—SERVICES of DESERTERS, and nett loss from Desertion, showing proportions to 1,000 men of the average strength, during each year from 1894 to 1903.

Year.	Under 3 months.	3 to 6 months.	6 to 12 months.	Total under one year.	1 to 2 years.	Over 2 years.	Service not stated.	Total Deserted.	Proportion of Deserters to 1,000 Men.	Rejoined from Desertion.	Nett loss from Desertion.	Proportion of nett loss from Desertion to 1,000 men.	Year.
1894	1,032	577	843	2,452	920	583	3	3,958	19	1,833	2,125	10	1894
1895	762	458	793	2,013	774	657	9	3,453	16	1,656	1,797	8	1895
1896	771	486	721	1,978	690	699	—	3,367	16	1,538	1,829	9	1896
1897	1,045	556	743	2,344	713	593	—	3,650	17	1,726	1,924	9	1897
1898	1,302	712	873	2,887	626	513	48	4,074	19	1,934	2,140	10	1898
1899*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1899*
1900*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1900*
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1901*
1902	2,317	1,227	1,303	4,847	795	1,063	457	7,162	19	2,839	4,323	12	1902
1903 (9 months)	1,120	723	843	2,686	803	1,138	2	4,629	16	2,212	2,417	8	1903 (9 months)

* Information incomplete owing to the South African war.

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PART V.—RELIEFS AND REINFORCEMENTS.

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PART V.—RELIEFS AND REINFORCEMENTS.

Table 1.—Detail of Troops embarked for India from 1st January to 30th September, 1903, showing Ages of Men in Detachments.

—	Number of Unit.	No. of N.C.O.'s and Men.		Detachments.										Total.
		In Units.	In Detachments.	Under 18 years.	18—19 years.	19—20 years.	20—21 years.	21—22 years.	22—24 years.	24—26 years.	26—30 years.	Over 30 years.	Not reported.	
From Home—														
Cavalry	—	—	1,488	47	3	34	544	363	290	84	43	40	40	1,488
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	1,071	11	2	17	368	233	235	113	48	29	15	1,071
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	460	5	—	6	143	74	76	53	31	38	34	460
Infantry	1	478	1,873	163	13	85	830	276	221	96	104	71	14	2,351
Other Corps	—	1	14	—	—	—	1	2	1	3	4	—	3	15
Total	—	479	4,906	226	18	142	1,886	948	823	349	230	178	106	5,385
From the Colonies and Egypt—														
Cavalry	—	—	325	—	—	9	88	95	83	33	10	2	5	325
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4
Royal Garrison Artillery	1	82	25	—	—	—	6	3	—	—	7	6	3	107
Infantry	7	3,102	521	—	—	5	182	128	103	53	22	3	25	3,623
Other Corps	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Total	—	3,190	875	—	—	14	276	226	186	86	39	11	37	4,065
General Total	—	3,669	5,781	226	18	156	2,162	1,174	1,009	435	269	189	143	9,450
Total by Arms														
Cavalry	—	—	1,813	47	3	43	632	458	373	117	53	42	45	1,813
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	1,075	11	2	17	368	233	235	113	48	29	19	1,075
Royal Garrison Artillery	1	82	485	5	—	6	149	77	76	53	38	44	37	567
Infantry	8	3,580	2,394	163	13	90	1,012	404	324	149	126	74	39	5,974
Other Corps	—	7	14	—	—	—	1	2	1	3	4	—	3	21
Total	—	3,669	5,781	226	18	156	2,162	1,174	1,009	435	269	189	143	9,450

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TABLE 2.—DETAILS of Troops disembarked in the Colonies and Egypt from 1st January to 30th September, 1903, showing Ages of Men in Detachments.

—	Number of Units.	No. of N.C.O.'s and men.		Detachments.										Total.
		In Units.	In Detachments.	Under 18 years.	18-19 years.	19-20 years.	20-21 years.	21-22 years.	22-24 years.	24-26 years.	26-30 years.	Over 30 years.	Unreported.	
From India—														
Cavalry	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infantry	—	—	125	—	—	23	32	20	20	26	4	—	—	125
Other Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	125	—	—	23	32	20	20	26	4	—	—	125
From Home—														
Cavalry	—	—	2,299	31	233	464	409	201	292	179	120	95	275	2,299
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	396	29	9	62	84	56	70	29	32	25	—	396
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	—	—	1,192	29	68	207	172	152	222	165	85	92	—	1,192
Royal Engineers	—	—	340	5	2	17	22	30	59	72	66	67	—	340
Infantry	1	772	9,771	149	2,358	2,057	1,431	692	873	411	394	1,298	108	10,543
Army Service Corps	—	—	152	—	2	5	13	25	21	20	27	39	—	152
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	117	3	5	11	11	9	14	10	11	43	—	117
R.A. Med. Corps	—	—	92	—	—	18	12	5	8	10	10	29	—	92
Army Pay Corps	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	5	—	9
Total	—	772	14,368	246	2,677	2,841	2,154	1,171	1,559	896	748	1,693	383	15,140
General Total	—	772	14,493	246	2,677	2,864	2,186	1,191	1,579	922	752	1,693	383	15,265
Total by Arms—														
Cavalry	—	—	2,299	31	233	464	409	201	292	179	120	95	275	2,299
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	396	29	9	62	84	56	70	29	32	25	—	396
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	—	—	1,192	29	68	207	172	152	222	165	85	92	—	1,192
Royal Engineers	—	—	340	5	2	17	22	30	59	72	66	67	—	340
Infantry	1	772	9,896	149	2,358	2,080	1,463	712	893	437	398	1,298	108	10,668
Army Service Corps	—	—	152	—	2	5	13	25	21	20	27	39	—	152
R.A. Med. Corps	—	—	92	—	—	18	12	5	8	10	10	29	—	92
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	117	3	5	11	11	9	14	10	11	43	—	117
Army Pay Corps	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	5	—	9
Total	—	772	14,493	246	2,677	2,864	2,186	1,191	1,579	922	752	1,693	383	15,265

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TABLE 3.—DETAIL of TROOPS disembarked at Home from service abroad from 1st January to 30th September, 1903, showing Details of Detachments.

—	Number of Units.	No. of N.C.O.'s and Men.		Total.	Detachments.						
		In Units.	In Detachments.		Invalids.	Time Expired Men.	To Join Army Reserve.	To Join Home Establishment.	Other Causes.	Not accounted for.	Total.
From India—											
Cavalry	—	—	202	202	70	15	83	9	25	—	202
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	494	494	175	28	126	145	20	—	494
Royal Garrison Artillery	2	122	478	600	134	22	169	120	33	—	478
Infantry	4	1,635	3,230	4,865	900	197	1,531	505	97	—	3,230
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	18	18	4	1	—	13	—	—	18
Total	—	1,757	4,422	6,179	1,283	263	1,909	792	175	—	4,422
From the Colonies and Egypt—											
Cavalry	2	992	1,150	2,142	184	50	447	189	70	210	1,150
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	648	648	141	111	91	70	107	128	648
Royal Garrison Artillery	1	69	846	915	183	30	218	281	134	—	846
Royal Engineers	—	—	815	815	25	11	69	703	7	—	815
Infantry	22	10,421	5,804	16,225	949	1,483	2,148	930	287	7	5,804
Army Service Corps	3	39	857	896	4	6	91	753	3	—	857
Army Ordnance Corps	2	56	370	426	30	6	14	305	15	—	370
R.A. Medical Corps	—	—	1,260	1,260	67	60	85	1,017	31	—	1,260
Army Pay Corps	—	—	83	83	4	1	3	74	1	—	83
Total	—	11,577	11,833	23,410	1,587	1,758	3,166	4,322	655	345	11,833
General Total	—	13,334	16,255	29,589	2,870	2,021	5,075	5,114	830	345	16,255
Total by Arms—											
Cavalry	2	992	1,352	2,344	254	65	530	198	95	210	1,352
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	1,142	1,142	316	139	217	215	127	128	1,142
Royal Garrison Artillery.. ..	3	191	1,324	1,515	317	52	387	401	167	—	1,324
Royal Engineers	—	—	815	815	25	11	69	703	7	—	815
Foot Guards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infantry	26	12,056	9,034	21,090	1,849	1,680	3,679	1,435	384	7	9,034
Army Service Corps	3	39	857	896	4	6	91	753	3	—	857
R.A. Medical Corps	—	—	1,260	1,260	67	60	85	1,017	31	—	1,260
Other Corps	2	56	471	527	38	8	17	392	16	—	471
Total	—	13,334	16,255	29,589	2,870	2,021	5,075	5,114	830	345	16,255

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PART VI.—PUNISHMENTS AND REWARDS.

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PART VI.—PUNISHMENTS AND REWARDS.

TABLE 1.—NUMBER OF COURTS-MARTIAL held during nine months ending 30th September, 1903, showing the OFFENCES for which the men were tried, the Sentences awarded, and the Punishments inflicted, in each arm of the service, at home and abroad.

Courts-Martial and Offences.

—	At Home.												Abroad.											General Total.
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	All Arms.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Colonial Corps.	Army Service Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	All Arms.	
Number of Courts-Martial...	14	491	1,119	414	66	394	3,372	125	11	46	2	6,054	409	777	41	—	3,306	77	24	7	51	1	4,693	10,747
Acquitted	3	2	13	4	1	9	42	—	—	—	—	74	16	30	—	—	122	5	—	—	1	—	174	248
Offences in relation to:—																								
The Enemy...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Mutiny	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	14	—	3	—	—	—	17	24
Desertion	5	202	404	98	28	78	1,030	31	1	14	—	1,891	14	30	5	—	247	24	—	—	1	—	321	2,212
Fraudulent Enlistment ...	1	24	78	45	—	24	207	3	—	4	—	386	2	11	—	—	17	1	—	—	1	—	35	421
Offences in relation to enlistment	—	16	43	43	1	20	187	—	1	—	—	311	4	4	—	—	35	—	4	—	—	—	47	358
Violence and disobedience to Superiors	—	71	194	63	17	80	463	18	3	5	—	914	121	230	9	—	794	8	1	2	16	—	1,184	2,098
Minor Insubordination and neglect of orders ...	3	53	152	50	4	128	480	12	3	7	—	892	110	123	2	—	734	16	—	1	14	—	1,030	1,922
Quitting or Sleeping on Post	—	4	12	8	1	2	19	2	—	2	—	50	55	18	1	—	117	1	1	—	3	—	196	246
Drunk on Duty	1	5	29	13	2	18	126	8	—	7	—	209	26	55	3	—	316	—	7	—	7	1	415	624
Drunkenness	4	12	36	29	2	19	200	4	1	2	—	309	63	114	4	—	413	3	8	2	4	—	611	920
Disgraceful Conduct ...	1	2	20	15	—	42	104	11	—	5	2	202	51	19	—	—	187	8	4	1	9	—	279	481
Absence without Leave ...	1	87	105	31	5	36	577	19	3	7	—	871	121	56	2	—	325	5	1	—	6	1	520	1,391
Making away with Necessaries	—	45	208	67	2	68	949	41	—	13	—	1,393	14	48	—	—	323	1	7	2	1	—	396	1,789
Miscellaneous...	2	176	186	63	4	67	856	23	6	—	—	1,383	172	233	15	—	1,029	22	—	4	3	—	1,478	2,861
Total of Offences ...	18	697	1,467	525	66	589	5,198	172	18	66	2	8,818	789	944	41	—	4,552	89	36	12	65	2	6,530	15,348

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TABLE I.—*continued.*—Punishments inflicted.

Death	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Penal Servitude	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	2	1	—	20	—	—	—	1	—	29	29
Sentence not yet promulgated	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Reduction to a lower grade or to the Ranks	4	22	93	43	6	21	303	21	1	9	—	523	44	95	7	—	334	13	7	2	8	1	511	1,034
Reduction and Imprisonment	—	3	12	4	1	10	19	—	—	1	2	52	1	9	—	—	25	—	3	—	1	—	39	91
Summary Punishment under Sec. 44 (para. 5) Army Act, 1881 ...	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	5
Stoppages, Fine or Forfeiture, without other punishment... ...	—	—	5	1	2	1	5	—	—	—	—	14	1	7	—	—	32	—	—	—	—	—	40	54
Imprisonment with or without Hard Labour	7	455	974	355	48	340	2,941	101	10	34	—	5,265	333	620	28	—	2,710	58	13	4	39	—	3,805	9,070
Discharged with ignominy without other punishment ...	—	—	11	—	1	—	6	—	—	—	—	18	1	5	1	—	6	1	—	—	—	—	14	32
Total of Punishments inflicted ...	11	480	1,095	4 4	61	374	3,274	122	11	44	2	5,878	385	738	37	—	3,129	72	23	6	49	1	4,440	10,318
Pardoned	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sentence wholly remitted...	—	8	11	6	4	11	56	3	—	2	—	101	8	6	4	—	55	—	1	1	1	—	76	177
Sentence quashed	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4
	—	9	11	6	4	11	56	3	—	2	—	102	8	9	4	—	55	—	1	1	1	—	79	181

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TABLE 2.—COURTS-MARTIAL, CRIMES, and PUNISHMENTS, in each year from 1894 to 1903.
Courts-Martial and Offences.

	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903 (9 months)
Number of Courts-Martial	9,802	9,189	9,131	9,069	9,676	*	*	*	15,009	10,747
Acquitted	256	242	277	276	284				309	248
OFFENCES.										
Offences in relation to :—										
Murder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Manslaughter	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
The enemy	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	12	1
Mutiny	1	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	13	24
Desertion	1,936	1,785	1,611	1,688	1,819	—	—	—	2,830	2,212
Fraudulent enlistment	464	368	325	334	381	—	—	—	586	421
Offences in relation to enlistment	533	437	397	449	509	—	—	—	422	358
Violence and disobedience to Superiors	1,960	1,848	2,015	1,864	1,807	—	—	—	2,686	2,098
Minor insubordination and neglect of orders	2,239	2,208	2,174	1,927	2,198	—	—	—	3,431	1,922
Quitting or sleeping on Post	184	199	160	224	197	—	—	—	571	246
Drunk on Duty	663	692	650	647	811	—	—	—	1,446	624
Drunkenness	926	981	989	858	973	—	—	—	1,319	920
Disgraceful conduct	856	866	791	756	773	—	—	—	915	481
Absence without leave	1,338	1,237	1,229	1,148	1,296	—	—	—	1,818	1,391
Making away with necessaries	2,928	2,432	2,224	2,083	2,239	—	—	—	2,564	1,789
Miscellaneous	1,102	911	1,093	1,200	1,036	—	—	—	1,023	2,861
Tota of Offences	15,130	13,964	13,663	13,178	14,044	—	—	—	19,640	15,348
Percentage to average strength	7	7	6	6	6	—	—	—	5	5

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TABLE 2.—*continued.*—Punishments inflicted.

Death	2	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	4	—
Penal Servitude	7	5	8	13	8	—	—	—	90	29
Reduction to a lower grade or to the Ranks ..	1,113	1,083	1,066	1,132	1,188	—	—	—	1,182	1,034
Reduction and Imprisonment	74	94	74	92	85	—	—	—	214	91
Sentence not yet promulgated..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Corporal Punishment	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Corporal Punishment and Imprisonment ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Put under stoppages without other punishment	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stoppages, Fine or Forfeiture, without other punishment	24	26	42	28	32	—	—	—	115	54
Solitary Confinement	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Solitary Confinement and Imprisonment with or without Hard Labour ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Summary Punishment under sec. 44 (para. 5), Army Act, 1881	3	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	222	5
Imprisonment with or without Hard Labour	8,134	7,577	7,555	7,349	7,908	—	—	—	12,565	9,070
Discharged with ignominy without other punishment	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	41	32
Total of Punishments inflicted	‡9,357	8,787	8,748	8,616	9,223	*	*	*	14,433	10,318
Pardoned, Sentence wholly remitted, or Sentence quashed	190	†‡160	‡143	177	169	*	*	*	267	181

* Information incomplete owing to the war. † One man deserted before promulgation of court-martial.
‡ One sentence quashed after punishment had been inflicted.

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COURTS-MARTIAL, CRIMES, AND PUNISHMENTS.

TABLE 3.—NUMBER of MEN tried by COURT-MARTIAL, and the total number of trials in each year, from 1894 to 1903.

YEAR.	Number of men tried.						Number of trials.
	Once.	Twice.	Three times.	Four times.	Five times.	Total. Men.	
1894	7,754	771	135	19	5	8,684	9,802
1895	7,369	721	106	15	—	8,211	9,189
1896	7,126	803	125	15	—	8,069	9,167
1897	7,319	719	93	7	1	8,139	9,069
1898	7,859	737	90	17	1	8,704	9,679
1899*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1900*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902	10,980	1,540	230	61	1	12,812	15,009
1903 (9 months)	8,874	761	101	12	—	9,748	10,747

* Information incomplete owing to the South African war.

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TABLE 4.—Number of GENERAL, DISTRICT, and REGIMENTAL COURTS-MARTIAL at home and abroad, from 1894 to 1903.

Years.	Number of Courts-Martial.					
	General.	District.	Regimental.	Home.	Abroad.	Total.
1894 ..	23	7,520	2,259	5,936	3,866	9,802
1895 ..	15	6,958	2,216	5,240	3,949	9,189
1896 ..	16	7,073	2,078	5,241	3,926	9,167
1897 ..	26	6,987	2,056	5,269	3,800	9,069
1898 ..	16	7,456	2,204	5,463	4,213	9,676
1899* ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
1900* ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901* ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902 ..	3,480	7,887	3,642	7,479	7,530	15,009
1903 .. (9 months)	61	8,729	1,957	6,054	4,693	10,747

* Information incomplete owing to the South African war.

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TABLE 5.—NUMBER OF MEN FINED for DRUNKENNESS, the number of FINES inflicted, from 1st January to 30th September, 1903.

—	Number of Men Fined.											Number of cases of Fines inflicted.
	Once.	Twice.	Three times.	Four times.	Five times.	Six times.	Seven times.	Eight times.	Nine times.	Ten times.	Total of men Fined.	
Household Cavalry	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line	161	48	8	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	220	296
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	335	116	27	4	3	2	—	—	—	—	517	721
Royal Garrison Artillery	692	274	105	54	16	7	3	2	—	—	1,153	1,930
Royal Engineers	107	37	15	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	165	251
Foot Guards	126	33	13	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	178	256
Infantry of the Line	5,106	1,983	803	347	157	62	16	2	2	—	8,483	14,187
Colonial Corps	24	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	31	38
Army Service Corps	71	32	15	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	121	195
Army Ordnance Corps	13	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	21
Royal Army Medical Corps	60	19	4	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	85	119
Army Pay Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms	6,725	2,550	997	417	183	72	19	4	2	—	10,969	18,014

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TABLE 6.—NUMBER of MEN FINED for DRUNKENNESS, number of FINES inflicted, from 1894 to 1903.

YEAR.	NUMBER OF MEN FINED.														Number of Fines inflicted.	YEAR.
	Once.	Twice.	Three times.	Four times.	Five times.	Six times.	Seven times.	Eight times.	Nine times.	Ten times.	Eleven times.	Twelve times.	Thirteen times	Total of men Fined.		
1894	7,667	3,456	1,679	864	448	218	67	52	7	9	4	—	1	14,472	27,715	1894
1895	7,519	3,254	1,630	815	469	209	102	34	8	4	2	4	—	14,050	26,944	1895
1896	7,592	3,411	1,668	945	443	223	98	40	15	5	1	—	—	14,441	27,953	1896
1897	7,959	3,333	1,764	866	369	158	68	40	14	5	—	—	—	14,576	26,953	1897
1898	7,770	3,352	1,600	756	382	177	79	33	9	4	1	2	—	14,165	26,243	1898
1899*	1,053	408	134	54	30	4	4	1	1	—	—	—	—	1,689*	2,706*	1899*
1900*	2,277	809	379	149	52	31	7	5	1	1	—	—	—	3,711*	6,182*	1900*
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1901*
1902	9,756	3,471	1,606	833	374	158	73	15	5	1	—	—	—	16,292	28,352	1902
1903 (9 months)	6,725	2,550	997	417	183	72	19	4	2	—	—	—	—	10,969	18,014	1903 (9 months)

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

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TABLE 7.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the number of men in possession of GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS in each year from 1894 to 1903.

Year.	Medals and Annuities.	Medals and Gratuities.					Medals without Gratuities.					Year.
		Warrant Officers.†	Serjeants.	Corporals and Bombardiers	Trumpeters, Drummers, and Privates.	Total.	Warrant Officers.†	Serjeants.	Corporals and Bombardiers	Trumpeters, Drummers, and Privates.	Total.	
1895, 1st January	—	—	79	98	443	620	—	700	—	1	701	1895
1896, "	—	—	73	96	438	607	—	795	—	—	795	1896
1897, "	—	—	68	81	490	639	—	868	1	1	870	1897
1898, "	—	—	51	87	466	604	—	866	—	1	867	1898
1899, "	2	—	52	76	512	640	—	934	—	1	935	1899
1900,* "	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1900*
1901,* "	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1901*
1902,* "	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1902*
1903, "	26	—	1,001	86	570	1657	—	—	—	—	—	1903
1903, 1st October	21	‡206	875	94	439	1614	422	—	—	—	422	1903

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.
† Army Order 155 of 1902 sanctioned the award of the Good Conduct Medal (without gratuity) to Warrant Officers.
‡ Awarded the G.C. Medal before promotion to Warrant rank, and therefore granted the gratuity.
N.B.—Under Article 1246 of the Royal Warrant, 1900, the gratuity is paid on discharge to every soldier awarded the medal.

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TABLE 8.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the number of men in possession of GOOD CONDUCT BADGES in each year from 1894 to 1903.

Year.	One Badge.	Two Badges.	Three Badges.	Four Badges.	Five Badges.	Six Badges.	Total.	Year.
1895, 1st January	71,405	23,320	2,688	1,090	273	124	98,900	1895
1896, "	74,137	23,774	2,849	1,057	218	122	102,157	1896
1897, "	77,174	24,060	2,912	1,215	170	135	105,666	1897
1898, "	74,215	24,480	2,951	1,264	158	125	103,193	1898
1899, "	70,071	29,335	3,279	1,363	140	121	104,309	1899
1900,* "	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1900*
1901,* "	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1901*
1902,* "	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1902*
1903, "	67,621	39,461	4,389	1,754	235	121	113,581	1903
1903, 1st October	71,539	32,879	4,309	1,723	218	89	110,757	1903

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

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PART VII—SERVICES AND AGES.

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PART VII.—SERVICES AND AGES.

TABLE 1.—PAST SERVICES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the different arms, at Home, in the Colonies, and in India, showing the number serving under their original engagements, and the number who have extended their Service or re-engaged on the 1st October, 1903.

	Under Original Engagements.														
	For 3 years with colours.					For 7 years with colours.*									
	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	Over 3 years.	TOTAL.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 6 years.	6 to 7 years.	7 to 8 years.	Over 8 years.	TOTAL.
AT HOME.															
Household Cavalry	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line	690	858	—	1	1,549	516	762	1,317	937	536	396	98	90	1	4,653
Imperial Yeomanry	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Horse and Field Artillery...	3,823	2,412	34	4	6,273	96	2,024	2,275	2,014	833	611	470	93	7	8,413
Royal Garrison Artillery	3,089	572	3	10	3,674	16	251	319	347	371	388	274	166	—	2,132
Royal Engineers	868	709	279	—	1,856	64	585	545	411	254	174	135	44	—	2,212
Foot Guards	1,247	942	857	7	3,053	106	419	598	546	362	554	390	3	—	2,978
Infantry of the Line	19,874	6,646	1,800	7	28,327	540	2,433	2,818	2,687	2,424	3,200	2,808	965	31	17,906
Army Service Corps	807	741	911	8	2,467	94	82	189	332	175	128	108	5	—	1,113
Army Ordnance Corps and Department	102	126	—	—	228	—	43	68	92	44	29	22	—	—	298
Royal Army Medical Corps ...	691	416	71	3	1,181	18	108	75	195	119	108	54	4	—	681
Army Pay Corps	—	3	4	—	7	—	12	62	72	45	32	21	—	—	244
Army Post Office Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms...	31,191	13,425	3,959	40	48,615	1,450	6,719	8,266	7,633	5,153	5,620	4,380	1,370	39	40,630
IN THE COLONIES AND EGYPT.															
Cavalry of the Line	341	1,045	1	—	1,387	26	842	1,132	1,453	742	479	176	49	18	4,917
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	31	70	14	—	115	5	123	431	628	413	267	172	144	—	2,183
Royal Garrison Artillery	156	499	18	54	727	45	647	1,103	896	728	689	557	302	5	4,972
Royal Engineers	—	20	136	—	156	2	365	772	597	331	188	129	86	—	2,470
Infantry of the Line	4,030	3,360	1,159	642	9,191	238	2,305	3,085	3,407	2,883	2,526	2,034	1,106	1	17,585
Colonial Corps	151	131	367	62	711	262	179	135	165	135	50	124	2	—	1,052
Army Service Corps	2	4	48	142	196	5	35	55	84	66	56	71	—	—	372
Army Ordnance Corps and Department	—	—	—	—	—	72	261	58	48	13	10	2	—	—	464
Royal Army Medical Corps ...	2	128	235	12	377	1	168	237	139	68	49	21	4	—	687
Army Pay Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	14	15	15	10	8	—	67
All Arms	4,713	5,257	1,978	912	12,860	656	4,926	7,012	7,431	5,394	4,329	3,296	1,701	24	34,769
IN INDIA.															
Cavalry of the Line	51	109	3	—	163	54	383	1,062	1,340	673	465	434	299	3	4,713
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	27	79	2	5	113	13	404	1,172	1,855	827	947	747	452	5	6,422
Royal Garrison Artillery	15	13	3	—	31	7	314	398	708	537	483	465	297	19	3,228
Infantry of the Line	77	135	290	66	568	185	2,148	5,173	6,981	5,667	5,268	5,289	3,088	36	33,835
All Arms	170	336	298	71	875	259	3,249	7,805	10,884	7,704	7,163	6,935	4,136	63	48,198
General Total	36,074	19,018	6,235	1,023	62,350	2,365	14,894	23,083	25,948	18,251	17,112	14,611	7,207	126	123,597

* Including men enlisted for three years who have extended their service to complete seven years with the colours.

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PART VII.—SERVICES AND AGES. TABLE 1.—*continued.*

—	Number who have extended their service. To complete 8 years with colours *									To complete 12 years with the colours.				Long Service, 1st period.				Re-engaged.				Re-enlisted.	Not reported.	Total.
	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 6 years.	6 to 7 years.	7 to 8 years.	Over years.	Under 10 years	10 to 11 years.	11 to 12 years.	Over 12 years.	Under 10 years.	10 to 11 years.	11 to 12 years.	Over 12 years.	Under 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	Over 21 years.			
At Home.																								
Household Cavalry	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	958	40	37	—	252	17	20	14	—	—	1,338
Cavalry of the Line	19	16	3	—	1	1	—	—	—	432	142	94	3	421	21	17	4	651	54	39	40	44	—	8,204
Imperial Yeomanry	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	61	67	31	20	12	4	3	5	—	679	226	228	32	1,012	45	40	11	1,412	83	59	69	193	—	19,008
Royal Garrison Art.	48	43	—	2	5	6	4	4	—	677	349	185	12	636	32	9	1	1,310	109	98	91	89	—	9,545
Royal Engineers ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	384	142	124	—	568	41	44	—	1,058	67	92	—	59	—	6,647
Foot Guards ...	39	63	35	34	16	2	1	2	2	238	64	50	1	401	23	16	3	403	22	36	22	19	—	7,523
Infantry of the Line	296	370	139	47	33	14	9	13	—	2,809	955	962	21	3,885	211	180	5	4,686	335	263	211	625	—	62,335
Army Service Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	286	88	50	1	573	6	10	—	552	43	17	18	45	—	5,269
Army Ord. Corps and Department	12	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	81	21	20	—	241	8	5	—	221	13	9	4	7	—	1,171
Royal Army Medical Corps	30	35	1	8	2	2	2	—	—	132	59	50	—	68	2	2	—	421	42	23	17	72	—	2,880
Army Pay Corps ..	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	1	—	94	9	6	—	47	5	1	—	157	12	17	38	3	—	645
Army Post Office Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
All Arms ...	505	596	211	114	69	29	19	25	2	5,862	2,055	1,769	70	8,840	461	361	24	11,153	798	673	524	1,156	2	124,566
In the Colonies and Egypt.																								
Cavalry of the Line	—	7	12	15	3	1	7	5	10	272	72	73	5	261	28	17	—	320	25	17	—	13	91	7,558
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	71	21	25	23	105	9	13	5	101	5	7	1	1	52	2,742
Royal Garrison Art.	—	8	24	12	25	44	25	24	—	421	133	46	15	393	28	15	1	610	24	13	23	18	52	7,563
Royal Engineers ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	163	44	38	—	185	13	16	—	465	17	25	—	29	—	3,621
Infantry of the Line	25	74	31	32	29	10	—	—	—	1,050	429	360	106	1,626	138	104	20	1,161	66	56	13	4,996	4	37,106
Colonial Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	3	6	304	18	24	14	2,655	110	271	47	473	17	24	38	—	†1,024	6,825
Army Service Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	98	17	25	14	58	3	4	1	149	6	1	2	10	—	956
Army Ord. Corps and Department	4	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	79	20	9	1	126	7	4	—	130	8	2	—	7	—	863
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	2	1	7	5	—	1	2	—	69	22	17	—	13	6	—	—	166	7	2	1	21	—	1,406
Army Pay Corps ..	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	32	6	2	2	13	1	—	—	73	2	6	3	—	—	208
All Arms ...	29	96	70	67	62	55	37	34	16	2,559	782	619	180	5,315	373	444	74	3,643	177	153	81	5,095	1,223	68,848
In India.																								
Cavalry of the Line	—	1	2	4	4	7	6	—	—	567	176	134	5	224	15	7	—	320	24	12	—	5	6	6,395
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	1	16	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	1,244	392	234	23	322	47	19	4	604	29	29	21	14	28	9,566
Royal Garrison Art.	2	6	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	609	253	139	11	122	13	5	1	394	18	8	8	11	31	4,893
Royal Engineers ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	3
Infantry of the Line	38	110	39	8	4	3	—	2	—	7,119	3,382	2,529	136	1,938	139	68	30	2,757	100	64	47	52	—	52,968
Army Ord. Corps and Department	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	3	1	—	60	2	2	—	36	2	—	3	—	—	114
All Arms ...	41	133	45	12	9	12	6	2	—	9,544	4,206	3,037	175	2,666	216	101	35	4,113	174	113	79	82	65	73,939
General Total ...	575	825	326	193	140	96	62	61	18	17,965	7,043	5,425	425	16,851	1,053	906	133	18,914	1,149	939	684	‡6,333	1,290	267,353§

* Men enlisted for three and seven years who have extended service to complete eight years with the colours. † West African Regiment. ‡ Including 5,308 of the Royal Garrison Regiment.
§ 11,959 N.C. Officers and men belonging to Native Regiments borrowed from the Indian Government and Colonial Office are not accounted for in this and subsequent tables.

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TABLE 2.—TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT OF THE NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE DIFFERENT ARMS, AT HOME, IN THE COLONIES, AND IN INDIA, ON THE 1ST OCTOBER, 1903.

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Table 2.—Terms of Engagement of the Non-Commissioned Officers on the 1st

—	Short Service.																	
	Original Engagements.										Men who have extended their							
	For 3 years with colours.					For 7 years with colours.*					To complete 8 years with colours.					To complete 12 years.		
	Sergeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Sergeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Sergeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Sergeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.
At Home.																		
Household Cavalry ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line ...	1	—	1	1,547	1,549	56	4	201	4,392	4,653	1	—	—	39	40	177	—	137
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	3	6,270	6,273	58	—	676	7,679	8,413	1	—	7	195	203	242	—	320
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	3	3,671	3,674	21	—	176	1,935	2,132	1	—	10	101	112	186	—	283
Royal Engineers ...	—	—	7	1,849	1,856	—	—	132	2,080	2,212	—	—	—	—	—	168	—	207
Foot Guards	—	—	—	3,053	3,053	68	9	331	2,570	2,978	4	—	8	182	194	169	6	39
Infantry of the Line ..	—	8	108	28,211	28,327	275	48	1,600	15,983	17,906	5	8	27	881	921	1,110	318	671
Army Service Corps	—	—	41	2,126	2,167	62	—	284	767	1,113	—	—	—	—	—	182	—	109
Army Ordnance Corps and Department ...	—	—	—	228	228	1	—	19	278	298	—	—	—	15	15	16	—	24
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	—	1,181	1,181	3	—	14	664	681	—	—	1	79	80	30	—	76
Army Pay Corps ...	—	—	3	4	7	—	—	191	53	244	—	—	5	—	5	37	—	70
Army Post Office Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms ...	1	8	166	48,440	48,615	544	61	3,624	36,401	40,630	12	8	58	1,492	1,570	2,343	324	1,936
In the Colonies and Egypt.																		
Cavalry of the Line ...	1	1	3	1,382	1,387	103	2	246	4,566	4,917	—	—	1	59	60	141	2	71
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	5	—	2	108	115	34	1	150	1,998	2,183	2	—	—	3	5	34	—	33
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	3	724	727	29	—	332	4,611	4,972	2	—	10	150	162	155	—	149
Royal Engineers ...	—	—	3	153	156	—	—	118	2,352	2,470	—	—	—	—	—	61	—	159
Infantry of the Line ...	9	4	50	9,128	9,191	419	17	979	16,070	17,485	3	—	12	186	201	432	180	157
Colonial Corps	8	8	30	665	711	10	—	44	998	1,052	8	—	1	4	13	40	3	72
Army Service Corps ...	—	—	21	172	193	56	—	119	197	372	—	—	—	—	—	81	—	55
Army Ordnance Corps and Department.	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	64	399	464	—	—	—	6	6	56	—	24
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	2	375	377	6	—	40	641	687	1	—	—	17	18	43	—	59
Army Pay Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	45	21	67	—	—	—	1	1	19	—	22
All Arms ...	23	13	117	12,707	12,860	659	20	2,137	31,953	34,769	16	—	24	426	466	1,122	185	741
In India.																		
Cavalry of the Line ..	—	—	3	160	163	83	3	191	4,436	4,713	—	—	—	24	24	160	1	111
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	2	111	113	36	—	321	6,065	6,122	—	—	—	21	21	141	—	306
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	2	29	31	3	—	144	3,081	3,228	—	—	1	10	11	76	—	199
Royal Engineers ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infantry of the Line ...	6	—	6	556	568	196	40	936	32,663	33,835	1	—	2	261	264	875	379	855
Army Ordnance Corps and Department.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	—
All Arms ...	6	—	13	856	875	318	43	1,592	46,245	48,198	1	—	3	256	260	1,261	580	1,465
General Total ...	30	21	296	62,063	62,350	1,521	124	7,353	111,599	123,597	29	8	85	2,171	2,296	4,726	889	4,142

* Including men enlisted for three years who have
† West African Regiment.

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and Men of the different arms, at Home, in the Colonies, and in India, October, 1903.

Service.		Long Service. 1st Period.					Re-engaged Men.					Re-enlisted.						
To complete 12 years.																		
Privates.	Total.	Sergeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Sergeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Sergeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Not reported.	Total.
—	—	52	16	54	913	1,035	116	8	7	172	303	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,338
357	671	10	86	18	349	463	443	2	100	239	784	14	—	9	21	44	—	8,204
603	1,165	46	248	116	728	1,138	785	6	253	579	1,623	46	1	42	104	193	—	19,008
						678												
751	1,223	32	98	73	475		556	2	239	831	1,638	8	—	5	76	89	—	9,546
						653												
275	650	44	76	97	436		685	—	279	253	1,217	5	—	14	40	59	—	6,647
130	353	8	150	16	269	443	220	13	38	212	483	8	—	2	9	19	—	7,523
2,652	4,717	80	644	250	3,337	4,311	2,718	77	650	2,421	5,496	80	4	63	478	625	—	62,333
134	425	22	72	52	443	589	418	—	73	139	630	15	—	7	23	45	—	5,269
52	122	149	5	3	97	254	164	—	13	70	247	1	—	2	4	7	—	1,171
185	291	3	20	2	47	72	256	—	149	107	506	7	—	8	57	72	—	2,880
2	109	1	—	41	11	53	213	—	11	—	224	3	—	—	—	3	—	645
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
5,133	9,756	447	1,415	722	7,105	9,689	6,211	108	1,863	5,023	13,118	187	5	152	812	1,156	2	124,566
501	422	8	74	11	213	306	272	3	25	62	362	9	—	2	2	13	91	7,558
53	140	23	33	21	52	132	50	2	14	18	114	—	—	—	1	1	52	2,742
311	615	19	80	62	186	347	339	4	72	255	670	1	—	2	15	18	52	7,563
55	215	23	54	53	84	214	351	—	118	38	507	4	—	14	11	29	—	3,621
1,116	1,945	74	322	101	1,391	1,888	682	10	107	497	1,296	257	76	213	4,450	4,996	4	37,106
245	350	60	70	137	2,846	3,113	189	15	61	287	552	—	—	—	—	—	†1,024	6,825
18	151	13	—	25	28	66	127	—	32	19	158	5	—	2	3	10	—	956
29	109	129	4	3	10	147	117	—	12	11	140	2	—	4	1	7	—	863
26	108	4	1	6	8	19	110	—	39	27	176	—	—	7	14	21	—	1,456
1	42	—	—	11	3	14	82	—	2	—	84	—	—	—	—	—	—	208
2,092	4,140	311	638	433	4,821	6,236	2,319	34	462	1,214	4,059	278	76	244	4,497	5,095	1,223	68,848
65	882	4	72	7	163	246	254	—	28	74	356	1	—	2	2	5	6	6,395
1,46	1,893	28	102	73	189	392	336	6	137	204	683	3	—	4	7	14	28	9,566
76	1,012	2	59	19	61	141	189	7	79	153	428	3	—	2	6	11	31	4,893
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
2,967	13,166	59	395	103	1,618	2,175	1,333	30	309	1,236	2,968	10	1	7	34	52	—	52,968
—	9	63	—	—	1	64	11	—	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	114
3,256	16,962	156	628	202	2,032	3,018	2,216	43	553	1,667	4,479	17	1	15	49	82	65	73,939
24,154	39,558	917	2,681	1,357	13,958	18,943	10,749	185	2,818	7,931	21,686	182	82	411	5,358	6,3 3	1,290	267353‡

extended their service to complete seven years with the colours.
‡ See footnote § to page 86.

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TABLE 2.—TERMS of ENGAGEMENT of the Non-Commissioned Officers on the 1st October,

—	Short Service.																	
	Original Engagements.										Men who have extended their							
	For 3 years, with colours.					For 7 years with colours.*					For 8 years with colours.					To complete 12 years.		
	Serjeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.
Household Cavalry ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line ..	2	1	7	3,089	3,099	242	9	638	13,394	14,283	1	—	1	122	124	478	3	322
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	5	—	7	6,489	6,501	128	1	1,147	15,742	17,018	3	—	7	219	229	417	—	679
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	8	4,421	4,432	53	—	652	9,627	10,332	3	—	21	261	285	417	—	622
Royal Engineers ..	—	—	10	2,002	2,012	—	—	250	4,432	4,682	—	—	—	—	—	229	—	336
Foot Guards	—	—	—	3,053	3,053	68	9	331	2,570	2,978	4	—	8	182	194	169	6	39
Infantry of the Line ...	15	12	164	37,895	38,086	890	105	3,515	64,816	69,326	9	8	41	1,268	1,326	2,475	877	1,681
Colonial Corps	8	8	30	665	711	10	—	44	998	1,052	8	—	1	4	13	40	3	72
Army Service Corps ...	—	—	65	2,598	2,663	118	—	403	964	1,485	—	—	—	—	—	263	—	134
Army Ordnance Corps and Department	—	—	—	228	228	2	—	83	677	762	—	—	—	21	21	109	—	50
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	2	1,556	1,558	9	—	54	1,305	1,368	1	—	1	96	98	73	—	115
Army Pay Corps ...	—	—	3	4	7	1	—	236	74	311	—	—	5	1	6	56	—	92
Army Post Office Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms ...	30	21	296	62,003	62,350	1,521	124	7,353	114,599	123,597	29	8	85	2,174	2,296	4,726	889	4,142

* Including men enlisted for three years who have
† West African Regiment.

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and Men of different arms, at Home, in the Colonies, and in India, 1904.—*continued.*

Service. To complete 12 years.		Long Service. 1st Period.					Re-engaged Men.					Re-enlisted.						
Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total	Serjeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Not reported.	Total.
—	—	52	16	54	913	1,035	116	8	7	172	303	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,338
1,172	1,975	22	232	36	725	1,015	969	5	153	375	1,502	24	—	13	25	62	97	22,157
2,102	3,198	97	333	213	969	1,662	1,171	14	404	831	2,420	49	1	46	112	208	80	31,316
1,511	2,850	53	237	154	722	1,166	1,094	13	390	1,239	2,736	12	—	9	97	118	83	22,002
330	895	67	130	150	520	867	1,039	—	397	291	1,727	9	—	29	50	88	—	10,271
139	353	8	150	16	269	443	220	13	38	212	483	8	—	2	9	19	—	7,523
14,825	19,858	231	1,361	451	6,331	8,374	4,423	117	1,066	4,154	9,760	347	81	283	4,962	5,673	4	152,407
245	360	60	70	137	2,846	3,113	189	15	61	287	552	—	—	—	—	—	†1,024	6,825
182	579	35	72	77	471	655	545	—	85	158	788	20	—	9	26	55	—	6,225
81	240	314	9	9	123	455	322	—	25	81	428	3	—	5	6	14	—	2,148
211	399	7	21	8	55	91	366	—	179	134	679	7	—	15	71	93	—	4,286
3	151	1	—	52	14	67	295	—	13	—	308	3	—	—	—	3	—	853
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
2,591	30,858	947	2,681	1,357	13,958	18,943	10,719	185	2,818	7,934	21,686	482	82	411	5,358	6,333	1,290	267,353‡

extended to complete seven years with the colours.
‡ *See* footnote § to page 86.

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TABLE 3.—AGES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the 1st

—	Under 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	21 to 22 years.	22 to 23 years.	23 to 24 years.	24 to 25 years.	25 to 26 years.	26 to 27 years.	27 to 28 years.	28 to 29 years.
AT HOME.												
Household Cavalry ...	13	30	49	66	126	117	114	100	97	67	52	60
Cavalry of the Line ...	209	312	956	1,103	1,024	1,041	747	594	372	262	198	211
Roy. Horse & Field Art.	557	1,125	3,098	2,876	2,267	1,853	1,518	1,172	841	548	440	389
Royal Garrison Artillery	350	601	1,103	897	753	706	683	565	464	313	330	272
Royal Engineers	239	239	585	740	653	560	500	422	394	271	227	188
Foot Guards	172	317	709	972	1,093	866	817	723	513	325	220	163
Infantry of the Line ...	1,819	8,243	10,921	8,050	5,078	4,540	4,459	3,905	2,835	1,750	1,315	1,192
Army Service Corps ...	408	263	660	710	774	484	304	240	177	162	124	115
Army Ordnance Corps & Department.	83	35	119	88	84	83	59	86	52	39	38	43
Royal Army Med. Corps	41	270	475	216	244	216	166	158	122	104	92	97
Army Pay Corps	—	9	27	57	50	58	51	41	37	31	24	27
Army Post Office Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms	3,891	11,444	18,702	15,775	12,061	10,524	9,418	8,036	5,904	3,872	3,060	2,757
*IN THE COLONIES AND EGYPT.												
Cavalry of the Line ...	124	73	812	1,161	1,237	1,100	879	503	452	282	149	116
Roy. Horse & Field Art.	23	18	79	186	389	460	440	306	246	147	110	68
Royal Garrison Artillery	84	56	313	633	825	770	737	774	738	571	429	316
Royal Engineers	53	14	83	224	348	378	365	346	312	281	252	156
Infantry of the Line ...	554	1,345	4,122	4,301	4,092	3,742	3,490	2,803	2,197	1,424	953	720
Colonial Corps	76	89	153	260	441	565	608	679	669	551	437	337
Army Service Corps ...	—	1	16	39	106	109	90	83	100	57	49	46
Army Ordnance Corps & Department.	4	3	35	102	106	88	69	49	46	54	37	18
Royal Army Med. Corps	—	—	80	187	286	164	122	92	85	56	39	36
Army Pay Corps	—	—	1	3	6	18	15	19	12	11	8	15
All Arms	918	1,599	5,694	7,096	7,836	7,394	6,815	5,654	4,857	3,434	2,463	1,828
*IN INDIA.												
Cavalry of the Line ...	82	36	65	501	958	1,017	799	573	585	428	333	223
Roy. Horse & Field Art.	28	52	65	327	818	1,204	1,184	1,024	1,016	862	664	599
Royal Garrison Artillery	23	15	24	108	234	381	526	517	551	470	401	332
Royal Engineers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infantry of the Line ...	514	236	366	2,364	5,243	6,083	5,827	6,144	5,093	4,025	3,746	3,433
Army Ordnance Corps & Department.	—	—	—	1	4	6	7	6	12	7	5	8
All Arms	647	339	520	3,301	7,257	8,691	8,343	8,264	7,257	5,792	5,149	4,595
General Total ...	5,456	13,382	24,916	26,172	27,154	26,609	24,576	21,954	18,018	13,098	10,672	9,180

* Including detachments in Crete, Somaliland,

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several arms of the service at Home, in the Colonies and in India on the October, 1903.

29 to 30 years.	30 to 31 years.	31 to 32 years.	32 to 33 years.	33 to 34 years.	34 to 35 years.	35 to 36 years.	36 to 37 years.	37 to 38 years.	38 to 39 years.	39 to 40 years.	40 to 50 years.	Upwards of 50 years.	Not reported.	Total
62	73	45	44	32	28	36	35	20	26	17	29	—	—	1,338
196	167	132	120	88	66	82	69	60	61	49	85	—	—	8,204
370	366	280	232	230	190	126	123	110	83	64	140	10	—	19,008
356	336	271	232	218	222	174	127	89	116	94	221	23	—	9,546
191	174	160	177	112	132	133	110	107	90	86	153	4	—	6,647
137	132	85	76	68	45	31	37	24	27	22	34	—	—	7,523
1,276	1,197	934	792	772	668	563	498	381	412	266	448	19	—	62,333
122	102	112	61	74	74	57	68	49	44	26	59	—	—	5,269
41	52	36	44	17	38	22	21	31	16	7	37	—	—	1,171
80	85	62	52	60	48	44	50	44	36	35	83	—	—	2,880
26	26	23	14	17	21	14	13	17	7	52	2	1	—	645
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
2,857	2,710	2,140	1,844	1,688	1,532	1,282	1,151	932	918	718	1,291	57	2	124,566
114	95	74	46	41	36	41	42	27	23	16	24	—	91	7,558
55	35	31	34	20	6	8	10	6	5	4	3	1	52	2,742
254	162	157	134	129	99	70	82	55	35	35	53	—	52	7,563
172	107	101	99	73	37	42	41	39	35	19	44	—	—	3,621
666	610	636	575	594	580	653	700	691	561	409	682	2	4	37,106
285	277	208	154	147	192	199	157	37	34	30	55	7	178	6,825
47	36	26	32	27	28	14	15	5	12	7	11	—	—	956
24	33	22	18	21	25	15	17	20	12	14	31	—	—	863
40	31	38	16	18	16	21	15	22	13	5	24	—	—	1,406
10	10	7	15	12	7	13	5	5	5	3	8	—	—	208
1,667	1,396	1,300	1,123	1,082	1,026	1,076	1,084	907	735	542	935	10	377	68,848
211	158	110	84	45	35	34	32	26	16	19	19	—	6	6,395
462	352	235	167	126	91	72	48	35	26	31	48	2	28	9,566
335	281	165	136	112	75	60	32	26	19	13	26	—	31	4,893
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3
3,260	2,424	1,288	879	656	418	294	211	164	103	74	120	3	—	52,968
6	4	6	5	10	4	5	6	3	2	2	5	—	—	114
4,274	3,219	1,804	1,271	949	623	465	329	254	166	142	218	5	65	73,939
8,798	7,325	5,244	4,268	3,719	3,181	2,823	2,564	2,093	1,819	1,402	2,444	72	444	267,353†

and China.

† *See* footnote § to page 86.

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TABLE 4.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the AGES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men serving in each year from 1895 to 1903 :—

Years.	Proportion per 1,000 men.								
	Under 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 25 years.	25 to 30 years.	30 to 35 years.	35 to 40 years.	Over 40 years.	Not reported.
1895, 1st Jan.	17	51	89	528	225	59	23	8	—
1896 ,,	17	46	82	538	226	61	23	7	—
1897 ,,	17	44	77	530	236	63	26	7	—
1898 ,,	18	56	79	513	240	63	24	7	—
1899 ,,	18	58	91	481	257	65	24	6	—
1900 ,, *	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901 ,, *	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902 ,, *	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1903 ,,	21	54	73	387	220	89	34	7	115
1903, 1st Oct.	21	50	93	473	223	89	40	9	2†

* Information incomplete owing to the South African war.
† *See* footnote § to page 86.

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PART VIII.—NATIONALITIES, RELIGIONS, AND EDUCATION.

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PART VIII.—NATIONALITIES RELIGIONS, AND EDUCATION

TABLE 1.—NATIONALITIES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the several arms of the Service on the 1st October, 1903.

——	English.	Scotch.	Irish.	Born in India or the Colonies.	Foreigners.	Not reported.	Total.
Household Cavalry..	1,162	91	61	20	1	—	1,338
Cavalry of the Line	17,791	2,112	1,856	256	15	97	22,157
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	25,588	2,110	2,809	716	13	80	31,316
Royal Garrison Artillery	16,061	1,183	4,145	506	24	83	22,002
Royal Engineers	8,271	666	1,069	265	—	—	10,271
Foot Guards..	5,508	780	1,160	69	6	—	7,523
Infantry of the Line	116,845	14,737	19,118	1,585	88	4	152,407
Colonial Corps	40	8	2	6,774	1	—	6,825
Army Service Corps	5,298	267	531	129	—	—	6,225
Royal Army Medical Corps	3,502	281	457	41	5	—	4,286
Army Ordnance Corps and Department	1,800	123	117	76	2	—	2,118
Army Pay Corps	696	51	82	24	—	—	853
Army Post Office Corps	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Total	202,562	22,112	31,467	10,461	155	266	267,353*

* *See* footnote § to page 86.

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TABLE 2.—NATIONALITIES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men in each year from 1895 to 1903.

Year.	English.	Scotch.	Irish.	Born in India or the Colonies.	Foreigners, &c.	Not reported.	Total.
1895, 1st January ..	162,782	15,973	26,200	2,933	146	639	208,673
1896, ,, ..	163,076	15,800	25,381	3,078	154	1,072	208,561
1897, ,, ..	159,475	16,203	25,664	2,923	150	2,644	207,059
1898, ,, ..	158,648	16,479	26,376	3,027	141	2,236	206,907
1899, ,, ..	164,997	17,280	28,352	3,022	96	1,580	215,327
1900, ,, * ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901, ,, * ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902, ,, * ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1903, ,, ..	213,873	26,303	35,717	8,190	636	26,667	311,386
1903, 1st October ..	202,562	22,442	31,467	10,461	155	266	267,353

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

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TABLE 3.—RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the several arms of the Service on the 1st October, 1903.

—	Church of England.	Presbyterians.	Wesleyans.	Other Protestants.	Roman Catholics.	Jews.	Mahommedans, Hindoos, &c.	Not reported.	Total.
Household Cavalry	1,141	88	40	16	53	—	—	—	1,338
Cavalry of the Line	16,854	1,644	1,144	285	2,112	21	—	97	22,157
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	23,382	1,747	1,752	464	3,864	27	—	80	31,316
Royal Garrison Artillery..	14,953	1,181	1,103	319	4,354	9	—	83	22,002
Royal Engineers	7,181	779	878	238	1,195	—	—	—	10,271
Foot Guards	5,088	772	373	90	1,194	6	—	—	7,523
Infantry of the Line	102,721	12,985	6,743	991	28,859	104	—	4	152,407
Colonial Corps	2,014	115	523	306	868	—	2,999	—	6,825
Army Service Corps	4,466	283	405	305	758	8	—	—	6,225
Royal Army Medical Corps	3,032	330	253	110	552	9	—	—	4,286
Army Ordnance Corps and Department ..	1,550	150	161	78	208	1	—	—	2,148
Army Pay Corps	581	65	75	30	102	—	—	—	853
Army Post Office Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Total	182,963	20,139	13,450	3,232	44,119	185	2,999	266	267,353*

* See footnote § to page 86.

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TABLE 4.—RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men in each year from 1895 to 1903.

Year.	Church of England.	Presbyterians.	Wesleyans.	Other Protestants.	Roman Catholics.	Jews.	Mahommedans, Hindoos, &c.	Not Reported.	Total.	Year.
1895, 1st January ..	143,947	14,824	11,035	1,554	36,674	—	—	699	208,673	1895
1896, „	144,302	14,563	11,134	1,812	35,627	—	—	1,123	208,561	1896
1897, „	140,921	14,650	10,950	2,353	35,492	—	—	2,693	207,059	1897
1898, „	140,721	14,984	10,835	1,888	36,183	—	—	2,296	206,907	1898
1899, „	145,842	15,622	11,170	1,958	39,073	—	—	1,662	215,327	1899
1900, „ *	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1900*
1901, „ *	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1901*
1902, „ *	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1902*
1903, „	195,080	22,900	14,284	2,953	46,883	159	2,459	26,668	311,386	1903
1903, 1st October ..	182,963	20,139	13,450	3,232	44,119	185	2,999	266	267,353	1903

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

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TABLE 5.—EDUCATIONAL ACQUIREMENTS of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the 1st October, 1903, showing the different arms of the Service.

—	Total Strength on the 1st October 1903.	Certificates in possession on the 1st October, 1903.				Certificates gained in 1903 (9 months).			
		1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.
Household Cavalry	1,338	56	405	311	772	7	26	18	51
Cavalry of the Line	22,157	336	3,570	2,305	6,211	37	622	759	1,418
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	31,316	615	5,937	4,728	11,280	124	761	1,125	2,010
Royal Garrison Artillery	22,002	785	5,652	3,149	9,586	78	609	737	1,424
Royal Engineers	10,271	883	3,050	2,169	6,102	51	355	389	795
Foot Guards	7,523	123	1,433	1,679	3,240	14	259	369	642
Infantry of the Line	152,407	2,323	24,185	20,455	46,963	249	3,240	5,552	9,041
Colonial Corps	6,825	30	493	484	1,007	8	26	51	85
Army Service Corps	6,225	427	1,603	816	2,846	46	263	384	693
Royal Army Medical Corps..	4,286	155	1,175	389	1,719	13	107	134	254
Army Ordnance Corps and Departmen ..	2,148	211	768	278	1,257	23	118	132	273
Army Pay Corps	853	419	434	—	853	18	2	—	20
Army Post Office Corps	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	*267,353	6,368	48,705	36,763	91,836	668	6,388	9,650	16,706

* See footnote § to page 86.

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EDUCATIONAL ACQUIREMENTS.

TABLE 6.—EDUCATIONAL ACQUIREMENTS of the N.C.O.'s and Men in each year from 1895 to 1903.

Year.	Total Strength 1st Jan.	Certificates in possession.				Per-centage of Certificated to Strength.	Certificates gained during year.			
		1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.		1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.
1895	214,755	3,770	44,944	30,250	78,964	36·77	653	7,455	9,789	17,897
1896	214,678	4,305	45,588	31,004	80,897	37·68	907	6,879	10,006	17,792
1897	213,148	4,856	48,359	29,899	83,114	38·99	985	7,812	8,983	17,780
1898	213,314	5,766	46,880	27,938	80,584	37·78	1,064	7,075	8,686	16,825
1899	222,373	5,631	48,222	31,289	85,342	38·20	924	7,525	9,969	18,418
*1900	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
*1901	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
*1902	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1903	311,386	5,618	43,257	30,985	79,860	25·64	779	5,531	6,948	13,258
1903	†267,353 (1st Oct.)	6,363	48,705	36,763	91,836	34·34	668	6,388	9,650	16,706

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.
† See footnote § to page 86.

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PART IX.—HORSES AND MULES.

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TABLE I.—STRENGTH and DISTRIBUTION of the HORSES and MULES, according to the latest returns received on the 1st October, 1903, specifying those on the British and Indian Establishments, and the number required to complete each arm of the service.

—	British Establishment.											Indian Establishment.				General Total.
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards and Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	Colonial Corps, China and Somaliland.	Officers' Homes (unallotted).	Unposted Remounts.	All Arms.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	All Arms.	
At Home.																
England	783	3,303	6,058	91	581	1,302	1,361	—	—	1,113	14,592	—	—	—	—	14,592
Scotland	—	441	35	—	—	20	32	—	—	—	528	—	—	—	—	528
Ireland	—	1,374	1,899	—	41	120	287	—	—	96	3,817	—	—	—	—	3,817
Channel Islands	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	5
	783	5,118	7,992	91	622	1,447	1,680	—	—	1,209	18,942	—	—	—	—	18,942
In the Colonies, &c.																
Egypt	—	428	123	113	5	180	—	—	—	—	849	—	—	—	—	849
South Africa	—	8,342	2,216	5	252	3,459	8,468	—	—	—	22,742	—	—	—	—	22,742
Malta and Crete	—	—	—	2	—	141	—	—	—	—	143	—	—	—	—	143
Singapore and Ceylon, China	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	55	—	—	58	—	—	—	—	58
	—	8,770	2,339	120	257	3,783	8,468	55	—	—	23,792	—	—	—	—	23,792
Somaliland Field Force ..	—	—	—	—	—	457	925	9,856	—	—	11,238	—	—	—	—	11,238
China Force	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	675	—	—	675	—	—	—	—	675
	—	—	—	—	—	457	925	10,531	—	—	11,913	—	—	—	—	11,913
East Indies.																
Punjab	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,567	1,800	739	4,106	4,106
Bengal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,597	2,460	54	4,111	4,111
Madras	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,050	1,344	—	2,394	2,394
Bombay	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	522	1,758	558	2,838	2,838
Burmah	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Artillery Staff, &c...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	204	3	207	207
General Total	783	13,888	10,331	211	879	5,687	11,073	10,586	—	1,209	*54,647	4,736	7,566	1,354	13,656	68,303
Establishment	825	10,807	10,768	101	868	5,316	2,397	—	2,000	—	33,082	4,726	7,017	1,152	12,895	45,977
Wanting to complete ..	42	—	437	—	—	—	—	—	2,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Supernumerary	—	3,081	—	110	11	371	8,676	10,586	—	1,209	Net 21,565	10	549	202	761	22,326

* Includes officers' horses.

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TABLE 2.—STRENGTH of the HORSES and MULES in each arm of the Service, according to the latest returns received in each year from 1895 to 1903, specifying those on the British and Indian Establishments.

Year.	British Establishment.										Indian Establishment.				Total.	Year.
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards and Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	China and Somaliland.	Unpasted Remounts.	All Arms.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	All Arms.		
1 Jan. 1895	818	6,922	4,357		374	693	1,253	—	142	14,559	4,583	1,839	5,935	12,357	26,916	1 Jan. 1895
1896	818	6,918	4,378		367	653	1,273	—	190	14,597	4,649	1,155	6,008	12,512	27,109	1896
1897	822	6,993	4,266		394	718	1,272	—	138	14,603	4,596	1,823	5,882	12,301	26,904	1897
1898	824	7,536	4,589		412	1,459	1,307	—	154	16,288	4,522	1,840	5,938	12,300	28,588	1898
1899	820	7,654	5,083		408	1,486	1,283	—	244	16,978	5,539	1,851	5,913	12,303	23,281	1899
1900	862	12,349	10,280	498	607	5,102	1,981	—	22,984	54,663	3,155	6,161	1,145	10,461	65,124	1900
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	23,394	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1901*
1902*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1902*
1903	833	22,784	10,062	356	689	9,051	17,196	—	1,313	62,284	4,069	6,608	1,149	11,826	74,110	1903
1 Oct. 1903	783	13,888	10,331	211	879	5,687	11,073	10,586	1,209	54,647	4,736	7,566	1,354	13,656	68,303	1 Oct. 1903

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

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HORSES AND MULES.

TABLE 3.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the HORSES and MULES of each arm of the service on the British Establishment reported during the nine months ended 30th September, 1903.

—	Effectives on the 1st January, 1903.	Increase.			Decrease.					Effectives on the 30th September, 1903.
		Purchased.	Other causes.*	Total.	Dead.	Cast.	Sold.	Other causes.*	Total.	
Household Cavalry ..	833	—	54	54	11	42	1	50	104	783
Cavalry of the Line ..	22,784	209	5,040	5,249	428	129	1,118	12,470	14,145	13,888
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	10,062	11	3,084	3,095	211	506	32	2,077	2,826	10,331
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	356	80	192	272	7	82	—	328	417	211
Royal Engineers ..	689	—	417	417	30	31	—	166	227	879
Infantry of the Line and Foot Guards	9,051	11	1,572	1,583	34	73	15	4,825	4,947	5,687
Army Service Corps ..	17,196	—	1,452	1,452	35	43	—	7,497	7,575	11,073
China and Somaliland	—	—	10,586	10,586	—	—	—	—	—	10,586
Unposted Remounts..	1,313	3,269	—	3,269	196	219	—	2,958	3,373	1,209
All Arms.. ..	62,284	3,580	22,397	25,977	952	1125	1,166	30,371	33,614	54,647

* Principally transfers from and to the Remount Depôts, except in China, Somaliland, and Colonies.

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TABLE 4.—INCREASE and DECREASE of HORSES and MULES on the British Establishment in each year from 1894 to 1903.

Year.	Effectives on the 1st January in each year.	Increase.			Decrease.					Nett Increase.	Nett Decrease.	Effectives on 31st December in each year.
		Purchased.	Other causes.	Total.	Dead.	Cast Sold.	Sold.	Other causes.	Total.			
1894 ..	14,685	1,786	—	1,786	378	1,483	43	8	1,912	—	126	14,559
1895 ..	14,559	1,611	1	1,612	305	1,239	30	—	1,574	38	—	14,597
1896 ..	14,597	2,575	—	2,575	423	1,804	39	303	2,569	6	—	14,603
1897 ..	14,603	4,100	—	4,100	636	1,592	44	143	2,415	1,685	—	16,288
1898 ..	16,288	3,558	126	3,684	902	2,031	61	—	2,994	690	—	16,978
1899 ..	16,978	36,940	3,300	40,240	1,039	1,262	86	168	2,555	37,685	—	54,663
1900* ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901* ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902* ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1903 ..	62,284	3,580	22,397	25,977	952	1,125	1,166	30,371	33,614	—	7,637	(1st October) 54,647

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

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TABLE 5.—AGES of the HORSES and MULES in each arm of the Service on the 1st October, 1903, specifying those on the British and Indian Establishments.

—	British Establishment.						Indian Establishment.					
	Under 5 years	5 to 9 years.	9 to 13 years.	13 and over.	Not reported.	Total.	Under 5 years.	5 to 9 years.	9 to 13 years.	13 and over.	Not reported.	Total.
Household Cavalry	25	561	177	20	—	783	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line	474	7,698	2,700	249	2,767	13,888	62	2,440	1,649	536	49	4,736
Royal Horse and Field Artillery ..	724	6,442	2,741	312	112	10,331	116	2,883	3,336	1,231	—	7,566
Royal Garrison Artillery	9	139	37	26	—	211	8	495	608	243	—	1,354
Royal Engineers	77	560	213	29	—	879	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infantry of the Line and Foot Guards	44	809	359	133	4,342	5,687	—	—	—	—	—	—
Army Service Corps	95	1,045	470	70	9,393	11,073	—	—	—	—	—	—
Remount Depôts	—	—	—	—	1,209	1,209	—	—	—	—	—	—
China and Somaliland Field Force..	—	—	—	—	10,586	10,586	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms	1,448	17,254	6,697	839	28,409	54,647	186	5,818	5,593	2,010	49	13,656

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TABLE 6.—AGES of the HORSES and MULES on the British and Indian Establishments in each year from 1895 to 1903.

Year.	British Establishment.						Indian Establishment.					
	Under 5 years.	5 to 9 years.	9 to 13 Years.	13 and over.	Not reported.	Total.	Under 5 years.	5 to 9 Years.	9 to 13 Years.	13 and over.	Not reported.	Total.
1895, 1st January	1,189	5,580	4,331	3,142	317	14,559	237	4,567	4,937	2,616	—	12,357
1896 „	1,201	5,534	4,405	3,120	337	14,597	138	4,413	5,129	2,832	—	12,512
1897 „	1,107	5,675	4,415	2,994	412	14,603	91	4,092	5,221	2,851	46	12,301
1898 „	1,586	6,968	4,420	2,709	605	16,288	166	4,176	5,144	2,691	123	12,300
1899 „	1,402	8,128	4,321	2,517	610	16,978	158	4,136	5,090	2,823	96	12,303
1900 „ *..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901 „ *..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902 „ *..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1903 „	984	18,709	5,156	1,843	34,279	60,971	282	5,645	4,048	1,710	141	11,826
1903 (1st October)	1,448	17,254	6,697	839	28,409	54,647	186	5,818	5,593	2,010	49	13,656

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

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PART X.—ARMY RESERVE.

TABLE I.—INCREASE and Decrease of the 1st Class Army Reserve during the past four years and nine months.

	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	9 months, 1903.
Effectives on 1st January in each year	78,798	24,130	5,251	2,398	32,865
INCREASE.					
Transfers from the Colours ..	12,902	3,209	579	32,875	38,228
Enlisted in Section "D"	1,437	563	28	1,679	3,515
Rejoined from absence	212	247	20	17	86
Other causes	9	105	37	172	30
Total increase	14,590	4,124	655	34,743	41,859
DECREASE.					
Dead	568	140	36	76	206
Discharged—					
On completion of engagement..	11,119	1,110	742	2,982	7,312
As invalids	425	2,664	240	9	22
By purchase	17	..	1	..	11
Free by indulgence	6	6	19	4	..
For misconduct..	137	17	..	..	8
Miscellaneous	11	35	169	8	29
	11,715	3,832	1,171	3,003	7,382
Transfer to the Colours	56,011	18,516	2,114	867	371
Struck off for absence	954	441	122	38	294
Other causes	10	74	65	292	..
Total decrease	69,258	23,003	3,508	4,276	8,253
Net increase	..	..	..	30,467	33,606
Net decrease	54,668	18,879	2,853	..	..
Effectives on the 31st December in each year	24,130	5,251	2,398	32,865	30th Sept. 66,471

N.B.—The figures in this table represent the increase and decrease of the Army Reserve as reported *in the returns received month by month*, and do not, as regards the "Transfers from the Colours" during 1903, agree with the actual number as shown on page 112.

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TABLE II.—STRENGTH of the 1st CLASS ARMY RESERVE, showing the composition of the force on the first day of each quarter during 1903.

—	Section				Total Army Reserve.	Cavalry.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Royal Malta Artillery.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	Army Post Office. Corps.	All Arms.
	A.	B.	C.	D.														
1st January, 1903 ..	328	28,759	697	3,081	32,865	2,028	2,229	2,652	1,559	3,904	18,656	1,278	328	125	55	8	43	32,865
1st April	1,081	44,157	801	5,114	51,153	3,951	3,039	3,267	1,977	5,617	30,750	1,637	602	124	86	9	64	51,153
1st July	2,422	55,330	1,232	6,086	65,070	5,482	3,861	3,773	2.576	5,728	40,030	2,252	837	208	125	14	184	65,070
1st October.. ..	2,921	55,165	1,741	6,644	66,471	5,599	4,035	3,756	2,657	5,790	40,403	2,488	1,095	253	130	17	198	66,471

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TABLE 3.—STRENGTH of the ARMY RESERVE in each year from 1895 to 1903.

Year.	1st Class Reserve.		Volunteers.	Reserve of 1867. (b)	Reserve of 1859. (c)	2nd Class and Enrolled Pensioners. (d) (e)	Total.
	1870.	1882. (a)					
1 Jan. 1895	76,352	6,452	—	20	26	97	82,947
1896	74,259	3,798	—	16	16	79	78,168
1897	70,927	7,173	—	16	7	59	78,182
1898	68,651	13,354	—	12	2	44	82,063
1899	62,034	16,764	—	11	—	30	78,839
1900	10,503	13,856	—	9	—	20	24,388
1901	1,264	1,983	2,163*	9	—	15	5,434
1902	1,325	1,231	—	7	—	10	2,573
1903	29,784	3,081	—	—	—	7	32,872
1st Oct. 1903	59,827	6,644	—	—	—	4	66,475

(a) Established by Royal Warrant, 21st March, 1883 (Clause 62 of Army Circulars, 1883).

(b) Enrolment suspended, 23rd February, 1869.

(c) Enrolment suspended, 18th August, 1866.

(d) Enrolled pensioners merged in the 2nd Class Army Reserve under the Army Reserve Regulations, dated 9th May, 1868.

(e) Enrolment of pensioners discontinued (Clause 68 of Army Circulars, 1881), and men over 50 years of age, as well as men under that age unfit for further service, struck off strength.

* These men were enlisted under A.O. 29 of 1900.

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TABLE 4.—TRANSFERS from the Regular Army to the Army Reserve from 1st January to 30th September, 1903.

Services.	Transfers from												
	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Royal Malta Artillery.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	Army Post-office Corps.	All Arms.
Under 3 years ..	1	1	—	4	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
3 to 4 years ..	13	26	2	195	685	2,093	—	703	361	—	—	—	4,078
4 to 5 years ..	8	9	6	27	1	64	—	4	—	—	—	—	119
5 to 6 years ..	485	143	16	82	12	246	1	7	3	—	—	—	995
6 to 7 years ..	78	56	4	35	3	161	—	2	2	1	—	—	342
7 to 8 years ..	924	490	599	141	215	6,090	141	48	83	23	7	—	8,761
8 to 9 years ..	386	300	408	93	63	3,328	1	29	21	4	—	—	4,633
9 to 10 years ..	290	291	213	55	34	3,050	1	27	47	6	1	—	4,015
10 to 11 years ..	331	207	288	63	4	2,671	—	17	26	3	—	—	3,610
After 11 years ..	17	174	27	3	8	336	—	2	—	3	1	—	571
Relegated ..	10	11	12	—	2	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	54
On Demobilisation	1,254	289	47	619	1,278	6,523	—	492	219	38	1	199	10,959
Total ..	3,797	1,997	1,622	1,317	2,305	24,584	144	1,331	762	78	10	199	38,146

N.B.—See footnote at page 109.

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TABLE 7.—SERVICES of MEN transferred or relegated from the Regular Army to the Army Reserve during each year from 1894 to 1903.

Year.	Services of Men transferred.										Total transferred to Army Reserve.	Year.
	Under 3 years.	After 3 years.	After 4 years.	After 5 years.	After 6 years.	After 7 years.	After 8 or more years.	Service not stated.	Relegated.	On Demobilization.		
1894	110	683	29	442	381	10,905	3,576	—	103	—	16,229	1894
1895	110	805	29	589	478	9,042	3,484	—	72	—	14,609	1895
1896	137	631	29	532	351	9,641	2,553	—	49	—	13,923	1896
1897	141	593	15	544	301	12,642	2,495	6	67	—	16,804	1897
1898	155	696	17	428	321	12,146	2,388	—	69	—	16,220	1898
1899*..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1899*
1900*..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1900*
1901*..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1901*
1902	—	3,462	756	552	777	7,281	23,432	571	—	—	36,831	1902
1903 (9 months)	9	4,078	119	995	342	8,761	12,829	—	54	10,959	38,146	1903

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

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TABLE 6.—AGES of the MEN composing the 1st Class ARMY RESERVE on the 1st October, 1903.

—	Under 30 years of age.	30 to 35 years.	35 to 40 years.	Over 40 years.	Total.
Cavalry of the Line	3,391	2,108	96	4	5,599
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	2,393	1,540	151	1	4,085
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	2,178	1,443	128	7	3,756
Royal Engineers	1,422	954	217	64	2,657
Foot Guards	4,231	1,433	123	3	5,790
Infantry of the Line	28,638	10,841	906	18	40,403
Army Service Corps	1,927	507	53	1	2,488
Royal Malta Artillery	224	29	—	—	253
Army Ordnance Corps.. ..	68	51	11	—	130
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	806	255	33	1	1,095
Army Pay Corps	8	9	—	—	17
Army Post Office Corps ..	156	37	2	3	198
Total	45,442	19,207	1,720	102	66,471

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TABLE 7.—YEARS in which the services of the Men composing the 1st Class Army Reserve on the 1st October, 1903, will expire.

—	Men of Sections A, B and C.												Men of Section D.				Total.
	During 1903-4.	During 1904-5.	During 1905-6.	During 1906-7.	During 1907-8.	During 1908-9.	During 1909-10.	During 1910-11.	During 1911-12.	During 1912-13.	During 1913-14.	Total.	During 1903-4.	During 1904-5.	During 1905-6.	During 1906-7.	
Cavalry of the Line	1,144	926	1,066	886	751	212	286	6	14	—	—	5,291	66	3	21	218	308
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	552	695	722	690	421	125	103	38	55	—	—	3,401	54	18	112	500	684
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	498	805	774	751	463	42	8	4	1	—	—	3,346	92	44	93	181	410
Royal Engineers	415	320	402	357	371	241	90	168	96	—	—	2,460	23	6	37	131	197
Foot Guards	802	512	491	536	507	458	670	790	765	—	—	5,531	37	3	19	200	259
Infantry of the Line	6,736	6,972	7,161	6,649	3,742	534	1,282	1,474	1,490	—	—	36,040	430	70	498	3,365	4,363
Army Service Corps	189	212	210	145	186	201	204	411	387	—	—	2,145	40	5	125	173	343
Royal Malta Artillery	4	20	21	17	23	153	7	1	7	—	—	253	—	—	—	—	—
Army Ordnance Corps	37	8	29	22	17	1	—	—	—	—	—	114	1	—	2	13	16
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	95	110	106	77	122	41	121	130	225	—	—	1,027	6	—	11	51	68
Army Pay Corps	2	1	5	4	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	—	—	—	—	—
Army Post Office Corps	6	8	183	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	198	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms	10,480	10,589	11,170	10,134	6,609	2,008	2,771	3,022	3,040	—	—	59,823	749	149	918	4,832	6,648

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PART XI.—MILITIA.

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TABLE 1.—GENERAL STATE of the MILITIA at the Training of 1903.

—	By Ranks.											By Countries.				By Arms.					
		Permanent Staff.																			
	Officers.	Officers.	Warrant Officers.	Serjeants.	Trumpeters, Buglers, or Drummers.	Rank & File.	Serjeants.	Corporals, Bombardiers and 2nd Corporals.	Buglers.	Gunners, Drivers, Sappers, and Privates.	Total.	English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Total.	Field Artillery.	Garrison Artillery.	Engineers.	Infantry.*	Royal Army Medical Corps.*	Total.
Present at training ..	1,972	269	150	2,647	1,022	86	1,731	3,589	—	61,392	72,858	48,382	8,692	15,784	72,858	382	13,375	2,180	56,921	—	72,858
Absent—																					
†With leave	784	32	12	159	63	4	695	1,108	—	21,543	24,400	19,430	2,282	2,688	24,400	14	817	183	22,644	742	24,400
Without leave ..	9	—	—	—	1	1	42	85	—	8,568	8,706	6,478	940	1,288	8,706	38	1,030	108	7,530	—	8,706
Number enrolled ..	2,765	301	162	2,806	1,086	91	2,468	4,782	—	91,503	105,964	74,290	11,914	19,760	105,964	434	15,222	2,471	87,095	742	105,964
Establishment, as laid down in Army Orders	3,432	300	162	2,903	1,181	95	2,567	5,294	12	115,637	131,583	86,593	15,812	29,178	131,583	432	18,622	2,564	108,740	1,225	131,583
Wanting to complete	667	—	—	97	95	4	99	512	12	24,134	25,619	12,303	3,898	9,418	25,619	—	3,400	93	21,645	483	25,619
Supernumerary ..	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—

* The training of 31 Battalions of Infantry and the whole of the companies R.A.M.C. (Militia) was dispensed with.
† Includes 18,049 whose training was dispensed with.

TABLE 2.—ENROLLED STRENGTH of the MILITIA at the dates of the inspections of the several corps in each year from 1894 to 1903.

Year.	By Ranks.										By Countries.				By Arms.					
	Officers.	Permanent Staff.				Sergeants.	Corporals, Bombardiers and 2nd Corporals.	Buglers.	Privates.	All Ranks.	English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Total.	Field Artillery.	Garrison Artillery.	Engineers.	Infantry.	Medical Staff Corps.	All Arms.
		Warrant Officers.	Sergeants.	Drummers.	Rank and File.															
1894	3,270	—	3,057	1,195	—	2,311	4,994	—	106,840	121,667	81,803	14,931	24,933	121,667	—	16,487	2,053	102,846	281	121,667
1895	3,228	—	3,075	1,176	—	2,311	4,987	—	103,012	117,789	78,418	14,849	24,522	117,789	—	16,460	2,060	99,008	261	117,789
1896	3,187	—	3,074	1,178	—	2,364	4,979	—	103,051	117,773	77,720	14,783	25,270	117,773	—	16,928	1,910	98,650	285	117,773
1897	3,051	—	3,062	1,158	—	2,305	4,937	—	100,075	114,588	74,759	14,127	25,702	114,588	—	16,999	2,024	95,173	392	114,588
1898	3,097	—	3,030	1,159	—	2,252	4,886	—	99,015	113,439	73,659	13,684	26,096	113,439	—	16,886	2,098	94.114	341	113,439
1899	3,035	—	2,979	1,140	—	2,225	4,785	—	95,386	109,551	70,583	12,988	25,980	109,551	—	16,449	2,045	90,784	273	109,551
1900*	3,265	—	3,014	1,104	—	2,820	4,828	3	81,191	96,225	65,070	10,953	20,202	96,225	—	15,124	2,009	78,940	152	96,225
1901*	3,123	151	2,744	1,066	110	3,283	5,131	—	91,064	105,672	74,253	11,316	20,103	105,672	503	15,396	2,232	87,306	235	105,672
1902*	2,964	159	2,811	1,078	101	3,110	5,222	—	98,618	114,063	81,172	12,779	20,112	114,063	483	15,974	2,405	94,418	733	114,063
1903	3,066	162	2,806	1,086	91	2,468	4,782	—	91,503	105,964	74,290	11,914	19,760	105,964	434	15,222	2,471	87,095	742	105,964

* Strength on 1st July.

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TABLE 3.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the MILITIA (exclusive of Officers and Permanent Staff) between 1st January, 1903, and 1st October, 1903, by Countries and by Arms.

—	Countries.			Arms.					Total.
	English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Field Artillery.	Garrison Artillery.	Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	
Strength, 1st January, 1903	72,694	11,481	18,245	231	13,647	1,969	85,741	832	102,420
Enlisted	20,148	2,138	3,488	150	3,527	824	20,985	288	25,774
Re-enlisted	1,893	482	1,248	3	642	96	2,879	3	3,623
Rejoined from Desertion	720	179	114	8	128	20	852	5	1,013
Re-transfers from Regular Army	27	—	2	—	—	—	29	—	29
Other causes (net) ..	120	—	—	—	101	—	13	—	104
Total Increase..	22,908	2,799	4,852	161	4,398	940	24,758	296	30,543
Died	222	50	80	—	63	10	278	1	352
Discharged	15,366	2,234	3,404	68	2,791	588	17,436	121	21,004
Deserted, and Absentees struck off	7,139	982	1,314	38	1,060	136	8,198	3	9,435
To Regular Army ..	9,904	782	1,184	47	1,006	116	10,467	234	11,870
To Royal Navy and Royal Marines	516	15	28	1	53	10	477	18	559
Other causes (net) ..	—	7	9	—	—	—	—	10	—
Total Decrease ..	33,147	4,070	6,019	154	4,973	860	36,856	387	43,220
Net Increase ..	—	—	—	7	—	80	—	—	—
Net Decrease ..	10,239	1,271	1,167	—	575	—	12,098	91	12,677
Strength, 1st October 1903	62,455	10,210	17,078	238	13,072	2,049	73,643	741	89,743
* Militia Reserve (old)	3,187	723	1,152	—	1,424	98	3,521	19	5,062
* Special Service Section	977	304	939	—	1,559	—	661	—	2,220

N.B.—The figures in this table represent the increase and decrease of the Militia as reported *in the returns received month by month* during 1903, and do not in every case correspond with the actual number of recruits and casualties during the year as shown in tables 6 and 7.

* Included in Militia strength.

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TABLE 4.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the Militia (exclusive of Officers and Permanent Staff) during the years from 1894 to 1903.

Year.	Number Enrolled on 1st Jan.	Increase.						Decrease.						Number Enrolled on 31st Dec.
		Recruits enlisted.	Re-enlisted men.	From Desertion.	Retransferred from Regular Army.	Other causes.	Total.	Died.	Discharged.	Deserted.	Joined Regular Army R. Navy, and R. Marines.	Other causes.	Total.	
1894..	113,330	33,205	1,871	1,380	—	—	36,456	472	16,513	10,507	13,787	115	41,394	108,392
1895..	108,392	35,148	1,947	949	—	—	38,044	422	16,996	7,643	12,900	125	38,086	108,350
1896..	108,350	35,412	2,230	765	—	—	38,407	399	18,165	7,581	12,643	91	38,879	107,878
1897..	107,878	38,246	1,760	902	—	—	40,908	412	19,647	8,417	14,751	28	43,255	105,531
1898..	105,531	40,108	2,019	886	—	—	43,013	383	19,808	8,716	15,963	27	44,897	103,647
1899..	103,647	40,653	2,012	1,069	—	—	43,734	503	22,020	10,144	16,396	188	49,251	98,130
1900..	98,130	37,853	1,342	2,449	1,222	—	42,866	813	12,064	11,920	23,165	293	48,255	92,741
1901..	92,741	37,614	1,212	1,179	3,537	—	43,572	852	13,561	3,366	15,662	27	33,468	102,845
1902..	102,845	41,486	2,936	1,224	6,668	18	52,382	706	22,653	10,454	18,994	—	52,807	102,420
1903..	102,420	25,774	3,623	1,013	29	104	30,543	352	21,004	9,435	12,429	—	43,220	30th Sept. 89,743

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TABLE 5.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the RESERVE DIVISION of MILITIA from 4th February (date of formation) to 30th September, 1903.

	Countries.			Total.	Arms.					Total.
	English Regiments.	Scotch Regiments.	Irish Regiments.		Field Artillery.	Garrison Artillery.	Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	
INCREASE.										
Transfers from Militia on Enlistment	3931	596	540	5067	26	397	34	4605	5	5067
	3931	596	540	5067	26	397	34	4605	5	5067
DECREASE.										
Died	4	—	—	4	—	1	—	3	—	4
Discharged—										
By purchase	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	2	—	2
As bad characters ..	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	1
Joined Regular Army ..	3	—	—	3	—	1	—	2	—	3
Other causes	—	—	5	5	—	2	—	3	—	5
Total Decrease ..	8	—	7	15	—	4	—	11	—	15
Enrolled Strength on 1st October, 1903	3923	596	533	5052	26	393	34	4594	5	5052

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TABLE 6.—AGES of the RECRUITS who joined the MILITIA from 1st January to 30th September, 1903.

Arm.	Country.	Ages of Recruits joined.										
		Under 17 years.	17 to 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	21 to 22 years.	22 to 23 years.	23 to 24 years.	24 to 25 years.	Over 25 years	Total.
Field Artillery...	England	—	19	43	31	10	6	6	2	5	29	151
Garrison Artillery...	England	15	449	559	369	215	160	156	114	108	308	2,453
	Scotland	9	59	60	41	29	21	29	31	24	175	478
	Ireland...	28	105	76	91	55	52	37	41	32	82	599
	Total ...	52	613	695	501	299	233	222	186	164	565	3,530
Engineers ...	England	6	109	126	92	67	57	41	36	53	237	824
Infantry ...	England	177	5,715	4,651	2,030	1,223	709	514	388	321	766	16,494
	Scotland	15	518	454	201	93	69	60	46	40	56	1,552
	Ireland...	175	1,282	567	228	130	78	64	64	60	216	2,864
	Total ...	367	7,515	5,672	2,459	1,446	856	638	498	421	1,038	20,910
Royal Army Medical Corps	England	1	53	83	11	12	7	4	6	3	9	192
	Scotland	—	18	37	9	3	1	1	—	—	—	69
	Ireland...	—	1	4	1	1	—	3	1	—	1	12
	Total ...	1	72	124	21	16	8	8	7	3	10	273
All Arms ...	England	199	6,345	5,462	2,536	1,527	939	721	546	490	1,349	20,114
	Scotland	24	595	551	251	125	91	90	77	64	231	2,099
	Ireland...	203	1,388	647	320	186	130	104	106	92	299	3,475
	Total ...	426	8,328	6,660	3,107	1,838	1,160	915	729	646	1,879	25,688

N.B.—*See* footnote at page 119.

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TABLE 7.—SERVICES of the MEN who DESERTED and who were STRUCK OFF as ABSENTEES from the MILITIA from 1st January to 30th September, 1903.

Arm.	Country.	Under 1 year's service.	1 and under 2 years' service.	2 and under 3 years' service.	3 and under 4 years' service.	4 and under 5 years' service.	5 years' service and upwards.	Total Desertions.
Field Artillery	England ..	16	14	7	—	—	1	38
Garrison Artillery	England ..	271	168	51	55	30	30	605
	Scotland ..	119	41	20	14	7	25	226
	Ireland ..	41	67	27	21	26	42	224
	Total	431	276	98	90	63	97	1,055
Engineers	England ..	41	45	18	14	7	11	136
Infantry	England ..	3,776	872	794	402	295	200	6,339
	Scotland ..	474	180	38	28	17	18	755
	Ireland ..	474	238	151	71	47	108	1,089
	Total	4,724	1,290	983	501	359	326	8,183
Royal Army Medical Corps	England ..	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
	Scotland ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Ireland ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
All Arms	England ..	4,104	1,099	871	471	332	242	7,119
	Scotland ..	593	221	58	42	24	43	981
	Ireland ..	515	305	178	92	73	150	1,313
	Total ..	5,212	1,625	1,107	605	429	435	9,413

N.B.—*See* footnote at page 119.

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TABLE 8.—NUMBER of COURTS-MARTIAL, and NUMBER of MEN of the MILITIA tried from 1st January to 30th September, 1903.

Arm.	Country.	Number of Men tried.				Number of Trials.			
		Once.	Twice.	Three times.	Total.	General Courts-Martial.	District Courts-Martial.	Regimental Courts-Martial.	Total.
Field Artillery	England ..	6	—	—	6	—	6	—	6
Garrison Artillery	England ..	39	—	—	39	—	16	23	39
	Scotland ..	9	—	—	9	—	2	7	9
	Ireland ..	29	1	—	30	—	13	18	31
	Total ..	77	1	—	78	—	31	48	79
Engineers ..	England ..	31	—	—	31	—	19	12	31
Infantry ..	England ..	402	10	—	412	—	352	70	422
	Scotland ..	19	—	—	19	—	15	4	19
	Ireland ..	56	1	—	57	—	47	11	58
	Total ..	477	11	—	488	—	414	85	499
Royal Army Medical Corps	England ..	2	—	—	2	—	2	—	2
	Scotland ..	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1
	Ireland ..	4	—	—	4	—	4	—	4
	Total ..	7	—	—	7	—	7	—	7
All Arms ..	England ..	480	10	—	490	—	395	105	500
	Scotland ..	29	—	—	29	—	18	11	29
	Ireland ..	89	2	—	91	—	64	29	93
	Total ..	598	12	—	610	—	477	145	622

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TABLE 9.—OFFENCES for which the MEN of the MILITIA were tried by COURTS-MARTIAL, from 1st January to 30th September, 1903, showing the PUNISHMENTS inflicted.

Arm.	Country.	Number of Courts-Martial.	Offences for which the men were tried.														Acquitted.	Punishments inflicted.						Pardoned.	Sentences wholly remitted.	Sentences quashed.
			Offences in relation to			Offences in relation to Enlistment.	Violence and Disobedience to Superiors.	Minor Insubordination and Neglect of Orders.	Quitting or Sleeping on Post.	Drunk on Duty.	Drunkenness.	Disgraceful Conduct.	Absence without leave.	Making away with Necessaries.	Miscellaneous.	Total of Offences.		Penal Servitude.	Reduction to a lower grade or to the Ranks.	Reduction and Imprisonment.	Stoppages, Fine or Forfeiture, without other Punishment.	Imprisonment with or without hard labour.	Discharged with Ignominy without other Punishment.	Total of Punishments inflicted.			
			Mutiny.	Desertion.	Fraudulent Enlistment.																					
Field Artillery ...		6	—	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	6	—	—	1	—	—	3	2	6	—	—	—
Garrison Artillery	England	39	—	13	2	—	—	2	—	5	4	—	9	4	3	42	1	—	15	1	—	22	—	38	—	—	—
	Scotland	9	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	3	—	3	9	—	—	4	—	—	4	—	8	—	1	—
	Ireland	31	—	2	—	2	1	—	1	5	5	—	13	5	2	36	2	—	13	1	—	14	—	28	—	—	1
	Total	79	—	15	2	2	1	3	1	11	10	—	25	9	8	87	3	—	32	2	—	40	—	74	—	1	1
Engineers	England	31	—	6	—	1	2	3	3	4	3	—	9	3	6	40	1	—	9	1	1	19	—	30	—	—	—
Infantry	England	422	—	127	20	30	22	14	1	16	13	1	170	64	49	527	7	—	50	5	2	351	1	409	—	2	4
	Scotland	19	—	5	—	—	4	1	—	—	6	—	3	7	5	31	—	—	7	1	—	11	—	19	—	—	—
	Ireland	58	—	17	—	1	2	2	—	6	9	—	17	12	10	76	3	—	15	—	—	39	—	54	—	—	1
	Total	499	—	149	20	31	28	17	1	22	28	1	190	83	64	634	10	—	72	6	2	401	1	482	—	2	5
Royal Army Medical Corps ...	England	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—
	Scotland	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—
	Ireland	4	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	4	—	—	—
	Total	7	—	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	7	—	—	—
All Arms	England	500	—	150	23	31	24	19	5	25	20	1	188	71	60	617	9	—	75	7	3	397	3	485	—	2	4
	Scotland	29	—	5	1	—	4	2	—	1	7	—	6	8	8	42	—	—	11	1	—	16	—	28	—	1	—
	Ireland	93	—	23	—	3	3	2	1	11	14	—	30	18	12	117	5	—	28	1	—	57	—	86	—	—	2
	Total	622	—	178	24	34	31	23	6	37	41	1	224	97	80	776	14	—	114	9	3	470	3	599	—	3	6

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TABLE 10.—NUMBER of MEN of the MILITIA fined for DRUNKENNESS and the NUMBER of FINES inflicted, also the NUMBER of SUMMARY and MINOR PUNISHMENTS, including FINES for DRUNKENNESS, inflicted by COMMANDING OFFICERS from 1st January to 30th September, 1903.

Arm.	Country.	Number of men fined for Drunkenness.							Number of Cases of Fines inflicted for Drunkenness.
		Once.	Twice.	Three times.	Four times.	Five times.	Six times.	Total of Men fined.	
Field Artillery ..	England ..	8	2	1	—	—	—	11	15
Garrison Artillery ..	England ..	172	21	2	—	—	—	195	220
	Scotland ..	100	6	2	—	—	—	108	118
	Ireland ..	135	9	—	—	—	—	144	153
	Total ..	407	36	4	—	—	—	447	491
Engineers ..	England ..	76	8	2	—	—	—	86	98
Infantry	England ..	473	41	14	1	—	—	529	601
	Scotland ..	155	23	4	—	—	—	182	213
	Ireland ..	166	26	3	—	—	—	195	227
	Total ..	794	90	21	1	—	—	906	1,041
Royal Army Medical Corps	England ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Scotland ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Ireland ..	4	1	—	—	—	—	5	6
	Total ..	4	1	—	—	—	—	5	6
All Arms ..	England ..	729	72	19	1	—	—	821	934
	Scotland ..	255	29	6	—	—	—	290	331
	Ireland ..	305	36	3	—	—	—	344	386
	Total ..	1,289	137	28	1	—	—	1,455	1,651

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TABLE 11.—YEARS in which the Terms of Service of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN (exclusive of the Permanent Staff) of the MILITIA enrolled on 1st October, 1903, will expire.

Arm.	Country.	1903–4.	1904–5.	1905–6.	1906–7.	1907–8.	1908–9.	1909–10.	Total.
Field Artillery ..	England	11	14	23	78	42	69	1	238
Garrison Artillery	England	520	882	952	944	1,069	1,263	720	6,290
	Scotland	66	424	397	449	448	391	164	2,339
	Ireland	504	739	912	785	679	606	218	4,443
	Total	1,090	2,045	2,261	2,178	2,136	2,260	1,102	13,072
Engineers	England	24	237	216	339	416	323	494	2,049
Infantry ..	England	5,079	7,015	7,928	9,262	8,811	10,385	4,895	53,375
	Scotland	724	1,087	1,168	1,174	1,404	1,553	700	7,810
	Ireland	1,474	1,930	1,755	2,218	1,915	2,249	917	12,458
	Total	7,277	10,032	10,851	12,654	12,130	14,187	6,512	73,643
Royal Army Medical Corps	England	22	37	51	79	119	142	53	503
	Scotland	—	—	—	—	—	61	—	61
	Ireland	—	1	—	46	75	55	—	177
	Total	22	38	51	125	194	258	53	741
All Arms ..	England	5,656	8,185	9,170	10,702	10,397	12,182	6,163	62,455
	Scotland	790	1,511	1,565	1,623	1,852	2,005	864	10,210
	Ireland	1,978	2,670	2,667	3,049	2,669	2,910	1,135	17,078
	Total	8,424	12,366	13,402	15,374	14 918	17,097	8,162	89,743

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TABLE 12.—AGES of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN serving in the MILITIA (including the Permanent Staff) on 1st October, 1903.

Arm.	Country.	Ages.								Total.
		Under 17 years.	17 to 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 25 years.	25 to 30 years.	30 to 35 years.	Over 35 years.	
Field Artillery ..	England	—	6	28	28	165	58	27	30	342
Garrison Artillery	England	—	380	544	438	1,706	1,218	1,052	1,250	6,588
	Scotland	—	63	78	93	562	587	503	558	2,444
	Ireland	—	222	260	273	1,022	861	922	1,132	4,692
	Total	—	665	882	804	3,290	2,666	2,477	2,940	13,724
Engineers	England	1	43	112	152	606	492	391	370	2,167
Infantry ..	England	—	5,184	6,743	6,356	20,727	6,876	4,520	5,142	55,548
	Scotland	—	480	710	786	2,987	1,184	896	1,132	8,175
	Ireland	—	1,456	1,253	960	3,587	2,098	1,742	2,024	13,120
	Total	—	7,120	8,706	8,102	27,301	10,158	7,158	8,298	76,843
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	England	—	41	96	90	206	49	17	17	516
	Scotland	—	16	31	9	5	—	—	1	62
	Ireland	—	—	27	90	52	3	7	1	180
	Total	—	57	154	189	263	52	24	19	758
All Arms ..	England	1	5,654	7,523	7,064	23,410	8,693	6,007	6,809	65,161
	Scotland	—	559	819	888	3,554	1,771	1,399	1,691	10,681
	Ireland	—	1,678	1,540	1,323	4,661	2,962	2,671	3,157	17,992
	Total	1	7,891	9,882	9,275	31,625	13,426	10,077	11,657	93,834

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TABLE 13.—AGES of the Men of the Militia (including the Permanent Staff) in each year from 1895 to 1903.

Year.	Militia.								Reserve Division of Militia (not included in foregoing numbers).*					
	Under 17 years.	17 to 19 years.	19 to 25 years.	25 to 30 years.	30 to 35 years.	Over 35 years.	Not reported.	Total.	25 to 30 years.	30 to 35 years.	35 to 40 years.	40 to 45 years.	45 to 50 years.	Total.
1895, 1st Jan. ..	798	19,770	42,155	19,077	15,286	15,458	—	112,544	—	—	—	—	—	—
1896 „ ..	804	20,918	41,252	19,346	15,065	15,126	—	112,511	—	—	—	—	—	—
1897 „ ..	769	20,317	41,895	18,695	15,235	15,118	—	112,029	—	—	—	—	—	—
1898 „ ..	793	21,048	39,088	18,708	15,001	14,990	—	109,628	—	—	—	—	—	—
1899 „ ..	782	21,937	37,602	17,917	14,904	14,611	—	107,753	—	—	—	—	—	—
1900 „ ..	831	19,606	32,875	16,788	14,027	13,140	4,898	102,165	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901 „ ..	737	18,383	29,791	12,292	10,871	10,855	13,691	96,620	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902 „ ..	663	19,720	40,738	14,837	11,189	13,111	6,616	106,874	—	—	—	—	—	—
1903 „ ..	480	22,790	43,872	15,129	11,333	12,741	—	106,345	—	—	—	—	—	—
1903, 1st October..	1	17,773	40,900	13,426	10,077	11,657	—	93,834	311	770	2,254	1,536	181	5,052

* Formed in 1903.

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TABLE 14.—AGES of the Men serving in the Reserve Division of Militia on 1st October, 1903.

Arm.	Country.	25 to 30 Years.	30 to 35 Years.	35 to 40 Years.	40 to 45 Years.	45 to 50 Years.	Total.
Field Artillery ..	England ..	—	—	13	13	—	26
Garrison Artillery	England ..	16	47	110	96	19	288
	Scotland ..	3	7	12	4	—	26
	Ireland ..	10	27	23	18	1	79
	Total ..	29	81	145	118	20	393
Engineers	England ..	—	4	8	16	6	34
Infantry ..	England ..	216	515	1,629	1,087	123	3,570
	Scotland ..	23	80	276	171	20	570
	Ireland ..	43	87	182	130	12	454
	Total ..	282	682	2,087	1,388	155	4,594
Royal Army Medical Corps	England ..	—	3	1	1	—	5
	Scotland ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Ireland ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total ..	—	3	1	1	—	5
All Arms ..	England ..	232	569	1,761	1,213	148	3,923
	Scotland ..	26	87	288	175	20	596
	Ireland ..	53	114	205	148	13	533
	Total ..	311	770	2,254	1,536	181	5,052

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TABLE 15.—NATIONALITIES of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN (inclusive of the Permanent Staff) of the MILITIA on the 1st October, 1903.

Arm.	Country.	English.			Scotch.			Irish.			Total.
		Born in County in which Corps is localized.	Born in other Counties.	Total.	Born in County in which Corps is localized.	Born in other Counties.	Total.	Born in County in which Corps is localized.	Born in other Counties.	Total.	
Field Artillery ..	England ..	242	29	271	—	16	16	—	55	55	342
Garrison Artillery ..	England ..	3,925	2,301	6,226	—	134	134	—	228	228	6,588
	Scotland ..	—	168	168	1,535	487	2,022	—	254	254	2,444
	Ireland ..	—	257	257	—	81	81	3,647	707	4,354	4,692
	Total ..	3,925	2,726	6,651	1,535	702	2,237	3,647	1,189	4,836	13,724
Engineers.. ..	England ..	1,156	856	2,012	—	12	12	—	143	143	2,167
Infantry ..	England ..	38,927	12,361	51,288	—	570	570	—	3,690	3,690	55,548
	Scotland ..	—	820	820	5,014	1,579	6,593	—	762	762	8,175
	Ireland ..	—	402	402	—	55	55	9,839	2,824	12,663	13,120
	Total ..	38,927	13,583	52,510	5,014	2,204	7,218	9,839	7,276	17,115	76,843
Royal Army Medical Corps	England ..	387	124	511	—	1	1	—	4	4	516
	Scotland ..	—	—	—	—	62	62	—	—	—	62
	Ireland ..	—	4	4	—	1	1	141	34	175	180
	Total ..	387	128	515	—	64	64	141	38	179	758
All Arms	England ..	44,637	15,671	60,308	—	733	733	—	4,120	4,120	65,161
	Scotland ..	—	988	988	6,549	2,123	8,677	—	1,016	1,016	10,681
	Ireland ..	—	663	663	—	137	137	13,627	3,565	17,192	17,992
	Total ..	44,637	17,322	61,959	6,549	2,998	9,547	13,627	8,701	22,328	93,834

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TABLE 16.—RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN (inclusive of the Permanent Staff) of the MILITIA, on the 1st October, 1903.

Arm.	Country.	Church of England.	Presbyterians.	Wesleyans.	Other Protestants not included in the foregoing.	Roman Catholics.	Jews.	Total.
Field Artillery	England ..	201	10	11	3	117	—	342
Garrison Artillery	England ..	4,611	115	379	160	1,319	4	6,588
	Scotland ..	236	1,221	15	2	969	1	2,444
	Ireland ..	571	184	25	4	3,908	—	4,692
	Total ..	5,418	1,520	419	166	6,196	5	13,724
Engineers ..	England ..	1,311	34	155	112	555	—	2,167
Infantry	England ..	41,583	666	2,371	492	10,365	71	55,548
	Scotland ..	446	5,115	29	19	2,564	2	8,175
	Ireland ..	1,729	361	41	8	10,981	—	13,120
	Total ..	43,758	6,142	2,441	519	23,910	73	76,843
Royal Army Medical Corps	England ..	395	10	34	21	56	—	516
	Scotland ..	10	52	—	—	—	—	62
	Ireland ..	44	48	6	—	82	—	180
	Total ..	449	110	40	21	138	—	758
All Arms	England ..	48,101	835	2,950	788	12,412	75	65,161
	Scotland ..	692	6,388	44	21	3,533	3	10,681
	Ireland ..	2,344	593	72	12	14,971	—	17,992
	Total ..	51,137	7,816	3,066	821	30,916	78	93,834

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TABLE 17.—SERVICES of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN serving in the MILITIA (including the Permanent Staff) on 1st October, 1903.

Arm.	Country.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 6 years.	6 to 10 years.	10 to 14 years.	14 to 18 years.	18 to 22 years.	22 years and over.	Total.
Field Artillery ..	England ..	71	48	87	41	29	14	24	12	11	3	2	342
Artillery ..	England ..	1,926	1,015	677	548	407	322	671	440	328	175	79	6,588
	Scotland ..	423	328	343	254	178	124	367	206	117	74	30	2,444
	Ireland ..	719	601	505	319	305	267	720	522	393	225	116	4,692
	Total ..	3,068	1,944	1,525	1,121	890	713	1,758	1,168	838	474	225	13,724
Engineers	England ..	583	290	279	249	130	110	208	128	90	53	47	2,167
Infantry ..	England ..	13,117	8,703	7,172	6,104	4,854	3,663	5,011	3,110	2,126	1,295	393	55,548
	Scotland ..	1,474	1,777	836	1,011	765	542	633	494	349	214	80	8,175
	Ireland ..	2,741	1,502	990	1,014	978	831	1,772	1,201	968	628	495	13,120
	Total ..	17,332	11,982	8,998	8,129	6,597	5,036	7,416	4,805	3,443	2,137	968	76,843
Royal Army Medical Corps	England ..	187	150	67	47	21	9	19	5	5	1	5	516
	Scotland ..	61	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	62
	Ireland ..	12	133	31	—	1	—	—	2	—	1	—	180
	Total ..	260	283	98	47	22	9	19	7	5	2	6	758
All Arms ..	England ..	15,884	10,206	8,282	6,989	5,441	4,118	5,933	3,695	2,560	1,527	526	65,161
	Scotland ..	1,958	2,105	1,179	1,265	943	666	1,000	700	466	288	111	10,681
	Ireland ..	3,472	2,236	1,526	1,333	1,284	1,098	2,492	1,725	1,361	854	611	17,992
	Total ..	21,314	14,547	10,987	9,587	7,668	5,882	9,425	6,120	4,387	2,669	1,248	93,834

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TABLE 1.—GENERAL STATE of the IMPERIAL YEOMANRY at the dates of the annual inspections of the several corps during the year 1903.

—	By Ranks.						By Countries.			
	Officers.	Permanent Staff Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Trumpeters.	Rank and File.	Total all Ranks.	English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Total.
Present at inspection	1,103	283	1,619	313	20,461	23,779	19,818	3,508	453	23,779
Absent from inspection :										
With leave	134	1	117	9	1,899	2,160	1,932	225	3	2,160
Without leave	—	—	6	2	425	433	376	57	—	433
Number enrolled	1,237	284	1,742	324	22,785	26,372	22,126	3,790	456	26,372
Establishment	1,596	290	2,026	464	30,218	34,594	28,012	5,390	1,192	34,594
Wanting to complete	359	6	284	140	7,433	8,222	5,886	1,600	736	8,222

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TABLE 2.—ENROLLED STRENGTH of the IMPERIAL YEOMANRY at the dates of the annual inspections of the several corps in each year from 1894 to 1903.

Year.	By Ranks.					By Countries.			
	Officers.	Permanent Staff-Serjeants and Serjeants.	Trumpeters.	Rank and File.	All Ranks.	English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Total.
1894, dates of inspections ..	640	1,069	170	8,135	10,014	9,087	927	—	10,014
1895, „ „ ..	622	1,056	192	7,875	9,745	8,862	883	—	9,745
1896, „ „ ..	639	1,042	187	8,316	10,184*	9,250	934	—	10,184
1897, „ „ ..	636	1,058	190	8,307	10,191	9,255	936	—	10,191
1898, „ „ ..	647	1,033	190	8,337	10,207	9,277	930	—	10,207
1899, „ „ ..	654	1,053	184	8,223	10,114	9,234	880	—	10,114
1900, „ „ ..	554	973	170	8,450	10,147†	9,321	826	—	10,147
1901, „ „ ..	715	1,151	174	11,161	13,201†	12,194	1,007	—	13,201
1902, „ „ ..	989	1,731	289	18,831	21,840†	19,949	1,891	—	21,840
1903, „ „ ..	1,237	2,026	324	22,785	26,372	22,126	3,790	456	26,372

* One regiment and one squadron not inspected in 1896, but enrolled strength on 1st July included.

† Exclusive of numebr serving with the Imperial Yeomanry in South Africa.

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IMPERIAL YEOMANRY.

TABLE 3.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the IMPERIAL YEOMANRY from 1st January to 30th September, 1903.

—	All Ranks (including Permanent Staff).			
	English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Total.
Enrolled strength on 1st January, 1903	20,927	2,015	—	22,942
Enrolled	4,511	1,986	440	6,937
Rejoined from S. Africa ..	34	4	—	38
Transfers from regular army (permanent staff)	37	19	11	67
Total Increase	4,582	2,009	451	7,042
Died	37	3	—	40
Dismissed for misconduct ..	45	3	1	49
Struck off for absence from training, &c.	220	15	—	235
Enlisted into regular army..	72	5	1	78
Voluntarily quitted	2,809	247	4	3,060
Died (permanent staff) ..	3	1	—	4
Discharged (permanent staff)	22	—	—	22
Transferred to regular army (permanent staff)	9	2	—	11
Other causes..	59	2	—	61
Total Decrease.. ..	3,276	278	6	3,560
Net Increase	1,306	1,731	445	3,482
Enrolled strength on 1st October, 1903	22,233	3,746	445	26,424

The table of increase and decrease does not agree with the figures shown in the quarterly return of the Imperial Yeomanry for 1st October, 1903. Errors were made in the quarterly returns of certain units which were corrected in the annual returns.

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YEOMANRY CAVALRY.

TABLE 4.—AGES of the ENROLLED MEMBERS of the YEOMANRY CAVALRY on the 1st October, 1903.

—	English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Total.
17 and under 18 years ..	305	75	26	406
18 „ 19 „ ..	1,182	289	34	1,505
19 „ 20 „ ..	1,924	328	39	2,291
20 „ 21 „ ..	2,274	325	31	2,630
21 „ 22 „ ..	2,018	324	42	2,384
22 „ 23 „ ..	1,900	292	42	2,234
23 „ 24 „ ..	1,634	273	27	1,934
24 „ 25 „ ..	1,486	233	27	1,746
25 „ 26 „ ..	1,274	197	20	1,491
26 „ 27 „ ..	1,127	191	20	1,338
27 „ 28 „ ..	977	176	26	1,179
28 „ 29 „ ..	821	164	10	995
29 „ 30 „ ..	813	161	14	988
30 „ 35 „ ..	1,954	350	59	2,363
35 „ 40 „ ..	1,275	208	17	1,500
40 „ 45 „ ..	704	87	7	798
45 „ 50 „ ..	377	57	4	438
50 years and upwards ..	188	16	—	204
Total ..	22,233	3,746	445	26,424

TABLE 5.—PAST SERVICE of the ENROLLED MEMBERS of the YEOMANRY CAVALRY on the 1st October, 1903.

—	English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Total.
Under 1 year	5,127	2,072	406	7,605
1 and under 2 years ..	7,701	605	8	8,314
2 „ 3 „ ..	4,024	554	8	4,586
3 „ 4 „ ..	1,504	82	2	1,588
4 „ 5 „ ..	692	69	2	763
5 „ 6 „ ..	545	48	2	595
6 „ 7 „ ..	429	45	2	476
7 „ 8 „ ..	312	52	1	365
8 „ 9 „ ..	246	27	—	273
9 „ 10 „ ..	232	21	—	253
10 „ 15 „ ..	566	63	8	637
15 „ 20 „ ..	416	51	4	471
20 years and upwards ..	439	57	2	498
Total	22,233	3,746	445	26,424

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PART XIII.—VOLUNTEERS.

Further information will appear in the Annual Return of the Volunteer Corps of Great Britain.

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PART XIII.—VOLUNTEERS.

TABLE 1.—STRENGTH of the VOLUNTEER FORCE by ARMS, 1st November, 1903* (Preliminary†).

Arm.	Establishment.	‡Efficients.		Non-efficients.	All Ranks.	Proficients who have earned the special grant of 50s.			Officers who have earned the grant for Tactics or Artillery.	Who have earned the grant for Signalling.		Who have earned the grant for Supply Duties.		Present at Inspection.
		Officers.	Non-Com. Officers and Men.			Officers.	Sergeants.	Total.		Officers.	Non-Com. Officers.	Officers.	Non-Com. Officers.	
Artillery ..	50,890	1,684	37,933	2,345	41,962	1,376	2,742	4,118	624	—	1	—	—	31,947
Engineers— Fortress and Railway ..	19,303	561	14,525	994	16,080	390	873	1,263	77	—	—	—	—	12,118
Submarine Miners ..	1,885	101	1,664	125	1,890	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	1,222
Infantry (Rifle)	267,277	6,452	174,672	7,298	188,422	5,290	11,601	16,891	1,212	18	144	18	47	145,677
Brigade Bearer Companies ..	2,990	56	1,482	34	1,572	45	132	177	—	—	5	—	—	1,365
Royal Army Medical Corps	3,623	111	2,967	167	3,245	94	242	336	—	—	—	—	2	2,452
Motor Corps ..	203	22	91	—	113	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms ..	346,171	8,987	233,334	10,963	253,284	7,195	15,590	22,785	1,916	18	150	18	49	194,781
		242,321												

* The 1st November is the commencement of the Volunteer Year.

† This table is subject to some alteration when the detailed examination of the Annual Returns of Volunteer Units has been completed. The corrected figures will appear in the Annual Return of the Volunteer Corps of Great Britain.

‡ Including boys who have qualified for the Capitation Grant as Trumpeters, Buglers, or Musicians.

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TABLE 2.—TOTAL of all ARMS in VOLUNTEER FORCE for years 1894 to 1903 inclusive.

Year.	Establishment.	Number of Supernumeraries authorised to be Enrolled.	*Efficient.	Non-Efficient.	Total all Ranks.	Proficients who have qualified for the Special Grant.			Officers who have Passed in Tactics or Artillery, and have qualified for the Special Grant.	Who have Passed in Signalling and have qualified for the Special Grant.		Who have Passed in Supply Duties and have qualified for the Special Grant.		Present at Inspection	Percentage of Efficients to Enrolled.	Percentage Present at Inspection to Enrolled.
						Officers.	Sergeants.	Total.		Officers	Non-Com. Officers.	Officers.	Non-Com. Officers.			
1894..	261,155	..	224,525	6,803	231,328	6,138	13,530	19,668	1,380	22	46	11	18	200,592	97·06	86·71
1895..	260,968	..	224,962	6,742	231,704	6,124	13,601	19,725	1,433	32	54	10	20	198,673	97·09	85·74
1896..	262,037	..	229,034	7,025	236,059	6,229	13,623	19,852	1,528	27	40	9	20	204,229	97·02	86·52
1897..	262,558	..	225,206	6,592	231,798	6,306	13,629	19,935	1,605	13	22	11	28	197,645	97·15	85·27
1898..	262,580	..	224,300	6,378	230,678	6,388	13,657	20,045	1,694	10	17	14	25	198,376	97·24	86·00
1899..	263,416	..	223,921	5,933	229,854	6,476	13,638	20,114	1,816	9	18	14	21	196,756	97·41	85·00
1900..	339,511	..	270,369	7,259	277,628	7,357	15,110	22,467	1,874	9	17	7	16	231,974	97·39	83·06
1901..	342,003	..	281,062	7,414	288,476	7,574	15,593	23,167	1,971	16	99	7	17	242,103	97·43	83·93
1902..	345,547	..	256,451	12,099	268,550	7,522	15,755	23,277	1,995	18	154	13	13	208,083	95·49	77·48
1903†	346,171	..	242,321	10,963	253,284	7,195	15,590	22,785	1,916	13	150	18	49	194,781	95·67	76·91

* Including boys who have qualified for the Capitation Grant as Trumpeters, Buglers, or Musicians.
† *See* footnote † on previous page.

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	All Ranks.			
	Establishment (Army Estimates).	Strength.	Wanting to complete.	Supernumerary.
Regular Forces :—				
* Regimental Establishments	281,429	285,615	—	4,186
† Additional numbers (Somaliland) ..	10,000	1,625	8,375	—
General and Departmental Staff and Miscellaneous Establishments ..	2,688	2,688	—	—
	294,117	289,928	4,189	—
Army Reserve	80,000	74,940	5,060	—
Militia (United Kingdom) :—				
Permanent Staff	4,887	4,449	438	—
Militia	127,559	89,100	38,459	—
	132,446	93,549	38,897	—
Militia (Reserve Division)	10,000	7,082	2,918	—
Militia (Channel Islands, Malta and Bermuda) :—				
Permanent Staff	178	165	13	—
Militia	5,792	4,783	1,009	—
	5,970	4,948‡	1,022	—
Imperial Yeomanry :—				
Permanent Staff	354	344	10	—
Yeomanry	27,760	26,751	1,009	—
	28,114	27,095	1,019	—
§ Volunteers (Great Britain) :—				
Permanent Staff	2,138	2,069	69	—
Volunteers..	343,679	254,412	89,267	—
	345,817	256,481	89,336	—
Volunteers (Bermuda) :—				
Permanent Staff	5	5	—	—
Volunteers	314	185	129	—
	319	190	129	—
General Total	896,783	754,213	142,570	—
‖ Militia Reserve—Old (included with Militia)	—	*1,487*	—	*1,487*

* This includes Indian Native Troops employed in the Colonies and North China.

† Additional numbers temporarily required to cover men borne in excess of establishments as a result of the Somaliland Expedition. The strength consists of borrowed Indian Native Troops.

‡ Strength of Channel Islands Militia on 1st July, 1904.

§ This includes the Honourable Artillery Company.

‖ This Reserve is gradually dying out.

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PART II.—STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION

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TABLE 1.—REGIMENTAL STRENGTH of the Regular Army by arms on the first day of each Quarter, from 1st October, 1903, showing the establishments provided for in Army Estimates.

—		Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Colonial Corps.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	Army Veterinary Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	Other Troops.*	Total.
Strength 1st Oct., 1903	Officers ..	83	868	1,139	950	1,062	305	4,877	200	452	971	265	—	—	—	587	11,759
	Other Ranks	1,343	22,216	31,372	22,117	10,418	7,542	152,792	6,835	6,476	4,375	2,277	900	—	2	11,987	280,652
Strength 1st Jan., 1904	Officers ..	80	829	1,115	953	1,060	303	4,823	194	451	989	256	—	—	—	608	11,661
	Other Ranks	1,323	21,496	31,028	22,450	10,189	7,486	153,649	6,683	6,355	4,154	2,261	910	—	—	11,382	279,366
Strength 1st April, 1904	Officers ..	80	851	1,120	952	1,068	298	4,830	209	471	1,007	265	—	—	—	615	11,766
	Other Ranks	1,308	20,494	30,833	22,903	10,229	7,645	154,591	6,577	6,629	4,027	2,284	898	—	—	11,437	279,855
Strength 1st July, 1904	Officers ..	80	804	1,126	936	1,058	290	4,654	187	460	996	267	—	—	—	343	11,201
	Other Ranks	1,289	20,114	30,509	23,063	10,358	7,577	154,176	6,424	6,543	3,962	2,294	908	16	—	7,250	274,474
Strength 1st Oct., 1904	Officers ..	81	780	1,146	960	1,061	286	4,595	188	457	984	264	—	—	—	354	11,156
	Other Ranks	1,292	19,537	30,019	23,564	10,396	7,576	156,440	6,411	6,446	3,970	2,298	903	48	—	7,184	276,084
†Establishment 1903–4	Officers ..	72	743	1,120	944	1,029	299	4,733	197	475	993	277	—	—	—	216	11,098†
	Other Ranks	1,218	17,873	28,967	22,214	9,719	8,795	159,171	6,497	6,720	3,498	2,229	750	—	—	7,176	274,827†
‡Establishment 1904–5	Officers ..	72	774	1,104	952	1,031	305	4,700	197	470	1,002	277	—	—	—	216	11,100‡
	Other Ranks	1,218	18,400	28,684	22,332	9,749	7,949	154,405	6,486	6,677	3,983	2,241	930	99	—	7,176	270,329‡

* Indian Troops and King's African Rifles, borrowed from India and the Foreign Office for garrison and expeditionary purposes.

† As provided for in Army Estimates, not including 14,200 additional numbers (all ranks) temporarily required to cover men borne in excess of establishments as a result of the South African War and for the Somaliland Expedition.

‡ As provided for in Army Estimates, not including 10,000 additional numbers (all ranks) temporarily required to cover men borne in excess of establishments as a result of the Somaliland Expedition.

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TABLE 2.—REGIMENTAL STRENGTH of the Regular Army BY ARMS in each year from 1896.

Year.	All Ranks.																	Year.
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Imperial Yeomanry.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Infantry Royal Reserve Regiments.*	Colonial Corps and borrowed† Native Troops.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	Army Veterinary Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	All Arms.	
1st Jan., 1896	1,296	18,245	—	3,815	33,631	7,718	5,916	138,631	—	5,131	3,486	2,595	1,170	560	—	—	222,194	1st Jan., 1896
1897	1,315	18,406	—	3,898	33,115	7,829	5,851	136,965	—	5,331	3,581	2,699	1,306	573	—	—	220,869	1897
1898	1,317	17,721	—	3,642	33,968	7,792	6,591	136,163	—	5,666	3,599	2,651	1,316	577	—	—	221,003	1898
1899	1,298	18,102	—	3,620	35,803	7,975	7,249	141,332	—	7,242	3,599	3,651	1,388	592	—	—	231,851	1899
1900	1,327	22,672	—	26,639	22,815	10,534	12,008	183,299	—	8,778	5,730	5,021	1,932	619	—	170	301,544	1900
1901	1,602	31,042	9,354	35,167	25,899	13,932	14,160	221,872	18,301	31,571	8,187	6,647	2,399	655	—	385	421,173	1901
1902	1,550	31,681	16,730	36,068	25,136	14,850	14,624	217,966	—	19,531	8,559	7,099	2,615	747	—	526	397,682	1902
1903	1,490	29,297	1,610	34,959	23,174	13,757	9,966	176,580	—	15,503	8,443	6,020	2,638	854	—	362	324,653	1903
1st Oct., 1903	1,426	23,084	—	32,511	23,067	11,480	7,847	157,669	—	19,609	6,928	5,346	2,542	900	—	2	292,411	1st Oct., 1903
1904	1,373	20,317	—	31,165	24,524	11,457	7,862	161,035	—	14,137	6,903	4,954	2,562	903	48	—	287,240	1904

* Disbanded in 1901. † Native Troops borrowed from India, &c., for garrison and expeditionary purposes.

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TABLE 3.—REGIMENTAL ESTABLISHMENT and STRENGTH of the Army, and the number wanting to complete or supernumerary to the Establishment in each year from 1896.

Year.	Establishments, Army Estimates.			Strength.			Supernumerary to Establishment, All Ranks.	Wanting to complete Establishment, All Ranks.
	Officers.	Other Ranks.	All Ranks.	Officers.	Other Ranks.	All Ranks.		
1st January, 1896 ..	7,956	211,461	219,417	7,756	214,438	222,194	2,777	—
„ 1897 ..	8,039	212,234	220,273	7,721	213,148	220,869	596	—
„ 1898 ..	8,342	219,323	227,665	7,689	213,314	221,003	—	6,662
„ 1899 ..	8,628	235,928	244,556	8,537	223,314	231,851	—	12,705
„ 1900 ..	9,269	240,197	249,466	9,318	292,226	301,544	52,078*	—
„ 1901 ..	10,646	266,690	277,336	13,410	407,763	421,173	143,837*	—
„ 1902 ..	10,939	273,490	284,429	12,882	384,800	397,682	113,253*	—
„ 1903 ..	11,029	273,349	284,378	12,000	312,653	324,653	40,275*	—
1st October, 1903 ..	11,098	274,827	285,925	11,759	280,652	292,411	6,486*	—
„ 1904 ..	11,100	270,329	281,429	11,156	276,084	287,240	5,811*	—

* Additional numbers, not included in the establishments shown above, were sanctioned in these years on account of the South African War, and the Somaliland Expedition.

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TABLE 4.—INCREASE AND DECREASE OF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN ON THE REGIMENTAL STRENGTH OF EACH ARM OF THE SERVICE DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1904.

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PART II.

STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION.

TABLE 4.—INCREASE and DECREASE of NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and twelve months ending

	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Artillery. Horse and Field.	Royal Artillery. Garrison.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.
Strength on the 1st Oct., 1903..	1,338	22,157	31,316	22,002	10,271	7,523
INCREASE.						
Recruits joined. Long service 12 years..	25	99	211	173	75	99
Recruits joined. Short service 2 years .	—	—	—	—	—	—
Recruits joined. Short service 3 years .	—	390	2,142	3,672	1,037	1,897
Recruits joined. Short service 8 years..	89	—	—	—	—	—
Recruits joined. Colonial Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—
Re-enlisted. Royal Garrison Regiment	—	—	—	—	—	—
Re-enlisted. Others	—	2	—	—	—	—
	114	491	2,353	3,845	1,112	1,996
Joined from desertion	6	239	276	119	52	76
From Army Reserve	—	2	7	55	16	40
*Taken on British Establishment	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other causes	7	—	—	164	16	23
Total increase.. ..	127	732	2,636	4,183	1,196	2,135
DECREASE.						
Died	4	162	202	159	49	18
Discharged. After 21 years' service ..	25	56	66	56	86	25
Discharged. Prematurely, after 18 years' service under Pay Warrant.. ..	4	21	28	27	19	5
Discharged. On completing 1st Period..	16	272	251	136	43	35
Discharged. As invalids	27	403	478	353	115	222
Discharged. By purchase	33	273	234	139	142	89
Discharged. Under Section 81, Army Act	8	7	48	22	20	71
Discharged. Free, under Pay Warrant—Article 1142 (ii.). ..	7	27	72	41	2	11
Discharged. Free, under Pay Warrant—Article 1142 (iii.). ..	3	36	50	10	14	12
Discharged. Not likely to become efficient soldiers	2	30	84	125	40	88
Discharged. On conviction of making a false answer on attestation	1	3	11	22	7	20
Discharged. For misconduct	6	353	428	296	63	134
Discharged. Miscellaneous	18	42	161	95	63	44
	150	1,523	1,911	1,322	614	756
Struck off as deserters .. .	7	261	364	242	90	147
To Army Reserve. On completion of service	—	652	912	894	426	1,151
To Army Reserve. On conversion of service	17	493	490	56	23	22
To Army Reserve. Relegated	—	4	9	10	—	—
To Army Reserve. On demobilisation ..	—	2	—	1	—	—
To Auxiliary Forces	3	59	44	41	16	4
"Given up" as deserters ..	—	3	4	11	—	2
*Struck off British Establishment	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other causes	—	247	57	—	—	—
Total decrease ..	181	3,406	3,993	2,736	1,218	2,100
Net increase	—	—	—	1,447	—	35
Net decrease	54	2,674	1,357	—	22	—
Strength on the 1st Oct., 1904	1,284	19,483	29,959	23,449	10,249	7,558

* Comprising Indian Native Troops stationed in the Colonies and North China, and Indian and the African from the Foreign Office.

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PART II.

STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION.

MEN on the regimental strength of each Arm of the Service during the 30th September, 1904.

Infantry of the Line.	Colonial Corps.	Native Troops (borrowed).	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	Army Veterinary Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	All Arms.
152,407	6,825	11,950	6,225	4,286	2,148	853	—	2	279,303
974	—	—	67	16	74	—	—	—	1,813
—	—	—	827	—	—	—	—	—	827
28,768	—	—	261	282	101	—	—	—	38,550
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	89
—	792	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	792
561	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	561
8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
30,311	792	—	1,155	298	175	—	—	—	42,642
1,817	25	—	44	16	3	—	—	—	2,673
265	—	—	10	3	1	—	—	—	399
—	—	4,008	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,008
—	31	—	85	6	6	43	49	—	430
32,393	848	4,008	1,294	323	185	43	49	—	50,152
964	44	29	22	31	10	5	—	—	1,699
305	9	—	29	22	9	21	—	—	709
158	6	—	12	5	7	1	—	—	293
3,962	603	—	13	14	7	2	—	—	5,354
3,110	109	—	68	59	27	2	—	—	4,973
778	18	—	29	29	29	2	—	—	1,795
449	15	—	13	8	—	—	—	—	661
308	18	—	2	—	2	2	—	—	492
250	—	—	5	5	—	—	—	—	385
968	15	—	14	5	2	—	—	—	1,373
96	6	—	6	2	—	—	—	—	174
2,084	51	—	135	82	24	—	—	—	3,656
812	153	—	71	70	13	—	—	—	1,542
13,280	1,003	—	397	301	120	30	—	—	21,407
2,621	109	1	64	43	9	—	1	—	3,959
9,926	107	—	824	291	18	4	—	—	15,205
799	6	—	16	29	5	—	—	—	1,956
42	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	66
17	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	2	28
631	—	—	—	19	—	—	—	—	817
24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	44
—	—	8,755	—	—	—	—	—	—	8,755
441	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	745
28,745	1,269	8,785	1,323	721	162	39	1	2	54,681
3,648	—	—	—	—	23	4	48	—	—
—	421	4,777	29	398	—	—	—	2	4,529
156,055	6,404	7,173	6,196	3,888	2,171	857	48	—	274,774

and African Native Troops employed in Somaliland; these were borrowed, the Indian from India,

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STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION.

TABLE 5.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

Year.	Strength on 1st January in each year.	Increase.					
		Recruits and re-enlisted men joined.	From Desertion.	From Army Reserve.	From Militia Reserve.	Other causes.	Total Increase.
1895	213,555	29,583	1,656	43	—	—	31,282
1896	213,531	28,532	1,538	57	—	—	30,127
1897	212,231	35,015	1,594	68	—	—	36,677
1898	212,393	40,729	1,789	4,578	—	—	47,096
1899	222,373	42,700	2,022	55,662	2,137	82	102,603
1900	290,914	98,361*	2,438	18,717	11,437	21,845†	152,798
1901	406,443	75,651‡	2,689	1,188	1	517	80,046
1902	383,462	65,040§	2,851	1,253	23	975	70,142
1903 to 1st Oct.	311,386	31,026‖	2,241‖	260‖	236‖	4,779†‖	38,542‖
1903-4	1st Oct. 279,303	42,642	2,673	399	—	4,438¶	50,152

* Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 10,242; City of London Imperial Volunteers, 1,664; other men enlisted, or re-enlisted, for one year, 36,973; and men re-enlisted for at least four years (Army Order 106 of 1900), 522.

† Chiefly caused by Indian Native troops brought on British Establishment.

‡ Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 17,252; other one-year men, 6,776; re-enlisted under Army Order 106 of 1900, 532; re-enlisted for Royal Garrison Regiment, (Army Order 59 of 1901), 4,052.

§ Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 7,239; other one-year men, 3,548; Army Order 106 of 1900, 336; Army Order 59 of 1901, 2,250.

‖ Increases for nine months only.

¶ Includes 4,008 Indian and African Native troops brought on the British Establishment.

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STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION.

and MEN on the Regimental Strength of the Army during each year from 1895.

Year.	Decrease.									Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	Strength on 1st Jan. in following year.
	Died.	Discharged.	Deserted.	To Army Reserve.	To Militia Reserve.	To Auxiliary Forces.	'Given up' as Deserters.	Other causes.	Total Decrease.			
1895	1,774	10,496	3,453	14,594	—	659	69	261	31,306	—	24	213,531
1896	1,769	11,396	3,357	13,941	—	684	60	220	31,427	—	1,300	212,231
1897	2,067	12,966	3,669	16,702	—	694	48	369	36,515	162	—	212,393
1898	2,578	12,983	4,107	16,245	—	664	66	473	37,116	9,980	—	222,373
1899	2,457	12,605	4,504	12,904	—	560	55	977	34,062	68,541	—	290,914
1900	10,153	15,169	6,378	3,055*	—	1,211	112	1,191	37,269	115,529	—	406,443
1901	5,969	†70,823	7,686	804	2,486	883	108	14268‡	103,027	—	22,981	383,462
1902	3,896	§80,090	7,162	36,832	7,053	679	89	6,417‡	142,218	—	72,076	311,386
1903	‖1,560	‖24,198	‖4,653	38146‖	‖6	714‖	65‖	1,283‖	‖70,625	--	32083‖	1st Oct. 279,503
1903-4	1,699	21,407	3,959	17,255	—	817	44	9,500¶	54,681	—	4,529	274,774

* Includes 2,869 men of Volunteer Waiting Companies (Army Order 29 of 1900).

† Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 9,342; Infantry Royal Reserve Regiments, 17,918; also Volunteers and other one-year men.

§ Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 20,801; also Volunteers and other one-year men.

‡ Chiefly caused by reduction of Indian troops on British Establishment.

‖ Decreases for nine months only.

¶ Includes 8,755 Indian and African Native troops struck off the British Establishment.

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TABLE 6.—DISTRIBUTION of the Regimental Strength of the Army by arms on the 1st October, 1904, with the Establishment of each Arm of the Service.

	ALL RANKS.													
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Artillery. Horse and Field.	Royal Artillery. Garrison.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Colonial Corps and Indian Native Troops.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps and Dept.	Army Pay Corps.	Army Veterinary Corps.	All Arms.
AT HOME														
England and Wales	1,373	6,140	13,823	9,341	6,644	7,862	47,721	—	4,650	2,709	1,256	536	44	102,099
Scotland	—	658	204	472	171	—	4,135	—	106	92	59	59	—	5,956
Ireland	—	3,191	4,512	914	717	—	16,975	—	1,136	474	255	112	—	28,287
Jersey	—	—	—	154	6	—	—	—	5	16	4	2	—	187
Guernsey and Alderney	—	—	—	203	14	—	720	—	6	12	9	3	—	967
Total	1,373	9,989	18,539	11,084	7,552	7,862	69,551	—	5,903	3,303	1,583	713	44	137,496
IN THE COLONIES, EGYPT, CHINA, CRETE, AND SOMALILAND (including Drafts on passage out)	—	3,524	2,789	8,207	3,587	—	37,173	14,137	1,000	1,326	869	190	4	72,806
EAST INDIES (including Drafts on passage out):—														
Punjab	—	2,102	2,193	1,461	—	—	14,774	—	—	—	23	—	—	20,553
Bengal	—	1,350	3,219	1,328	—	—	16,993	—	—	—	27	—	—	22,917
Madras	—	2,014	1,912	144	—	—	6,333	—	—	—	13	—	—	10,416
Bombay	—	660	2,308	1,926	—	—	11,790	—	—	—	41	—	—	16,725
Burmah	—	—	—	270	—	—	4,016	—	—	—	6	—	—	4,292
Units on passage, Royal Artillery Staff, unposted, &c.	—	678	205	104	318	—	405	—	—	325	—	—	—	2,035
Total	—	6,804	9,837	5,233	318	—	54,311	—	—	325	110	—	—	76,938
TOTAL REGIMENTAL STRENGTH at Home and Abroad	1,373	20,317	31,165	24,524	11,457	7,862	161,035	14,137	6,903	4,954	2,562	903	48	287,240
ESTABLISHMENT as provided for in Army Estimates	1,290	19,174	29,788	23,284	10,780	8,254	159,105	14,075	7,147	4,985	2,518	930	99	281,429*

* Exclusive of 10,000 additional numbers temporarily required as a result of the Somaliland Expedition.

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TABLE 7.—DISTRIBUTION OF THE UNITS OF EACH ARM OF THE SERVICE ON THE 1ST OCTOBER, 1904.

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TABLE 7.—DISTRIBUTION of the Units of each Arm of the Service on the 1st October, 1904.

	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Artillery.							Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.		Colonial Corps and Indian Infantry.				Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.
			Horse.		Field.		Mountain.	Garrison.						R.A.	R.E.	Infantry.				
	Regiments.	Regiments.	Batteries.	Depôts.	Batteries.	Depôts.	Batteries.	Companies.	Depôts.	Units.	Battns.	Battalions.	Depôts.	Cos.	Cos.	Battns.	Depôts.	Cos.	Cos.	Cos.
AT HOME:—																				
England and Wales	3	8	13	2	63	5	—	34	6	50	10	45	51	—	—	—	—	55	17	10
Scotland	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	3	10	—	—	—	—	2	1	1
Ireland	—	4	2	—	27	1	—	4	—	6	—	22	8	—	—	—	—	17	4	3
Jersey	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Guernsey and Alderney	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total (at Home)	3	13	15	2	90	7	—	42	6	56	10	71	69	—	—	—	—	74	22	14
IN EAST INDIES:—																				
Punjab...	—	3	4	—	9	—	5	6	—	1	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bengal...	—	2	3	—	15	—	—	10	—		—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Madras	—	3	2	—	9	—	—	1	—		—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bombay and Aden	—	1	2	—	12	—	3	10	—		—	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Burmah	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—		—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
On passage	—	1*	—	—	—	—	—	1*	—	—	—	1†	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total (East Indies)	—	10	11	—	45	—	8	30	—	1	—	52	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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IN THE COLONIES, &c:—																				
Barbados, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	} 1 {	—	1	—	½	—	—	—	—
Jamaica, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	½	—		—	1	1	½	1	—	—	—
Dominion of Canada	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3½	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bermuda	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malta	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	3	—	7½	—	4	—	—	—	1	—	1
Gibraltar	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	4	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Cyprus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	⅛	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
South Africa	—	4	2	—	15	—	—	2	—	8	—	} 14 {	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	3
St. Helena	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
West Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	2	—	—	—	—
Mauritius	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—
Ceylon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	½	—	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—
China and Hong Kong	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3§	—	1	—	1	—	4	1	6	—	—	—	—
Straits Settlements	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	½	—	1	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
Egypt	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	3⅞	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1
Crete	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	½	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
On passage from India to South Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Somaliland	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Total (Colonies)	—	5	2	—	16	—	1	35§	—	26	—	38	—	19	5	14	1	12	—	6
Total at Home and Abroad ...	3	28	28	2	151	7	9	107§	6	83¶	10	161‖	69	19	5	14	1	86	22	20

* On passage to South Africa and St. Helena respectively to relieve a Regiment and a Company for Home, but on the Indian Establishment until disembarkation.
† For Madras. ‖ Including 5 Battalions Royal Garrison Regiment (4 in South Africa and 1 in Canada), but excluding one Provisional Battalion in England.
§ Excluding Legation Guard at Pekin. ¶ Excluding Coast Battalion (11 Sections) at Home.

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PART III.—REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF RECRUITING AND ORGANIZATION ON RECRUITING.

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ARMY AND MILITIA.

ANNUAL REPORT OF RECRUITING FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1904.

War Office, January 28th, 1905.

Adjutant-General to the Forces,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on Recruiting for the year ended the 30th September, 1904. The Report is divided into four parts :—

I.—General Observations and Recruiting for the Regular Army.

II.—Army Reserve.

III.—Militia, Reserve of Militia, and Imperial Yeomanry.

IV.—Civil Employment of Discharged Soldiers and Reservists.

I.—General Observations and Recruiting for the Army.

1. In the reorganization of the War Office, the appointment of the Inspector-General of Recruiting was abolished and the duties assigned to the Director of Recruiting and Organization, who administers the Recruiting Service in connection with other duties. He is not charged with the inspection of recruits.

2. The number of recruits who joined the Regular Army, excluding Colonial Corps, for the twelve months under review amounted to 41,279; and for the Militia 35,264. Recruiting results for the year.

These numbers cannot of course compare with the numbers shown in the last Annual Report, as that Report only dealt with a period of nine months.

3. As stated in the preceding Report, the numbers taken have been restricted owing to the fact that all the mounted corps had not fallen to their normal peace establishment, but were still largely in excess owing to the special recruiting during the South African War. Restrictions on recruiting.

In consequence of these excesses the Cavalry has practically remained closed to recruiting.

The Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery have been practically closed for drivers and partially for gunners.

The Royal Army Medical Corps and Army Service Corps have also been closed, while the Royal Engineers have been closed except for drivers and some special trades.

The Army Ordnance Corps has been closed except at the Head Quarters of the Corps.

4. An endeavour was made to reduce the surplus in the Cavalry of the Line by offering men transfers to the Foot Guards or Royal Garrison Artillery at home. The men on joining their new Corps were to receive a bounty of 21s. and a month's furlough should they so Efforts to reduce surplus in Cavalry.

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desire it. This offer was only made to men of good character, and 196 men availed themselves of the opportunity.

In order to enable recruiting to be re-opened for the cavalry, the concession previously granted of permitting men serving in South Africa to return home for transfer to the reserve after seven years' service, instead of being required to serve the extra year abroad, was continued.

In addition, to reduce the cavalry surplus at home, cavalrymen with only four years' service were allowed to pass prematurely to the reserve, provided they could produce a definite guarantee of employment; and non-commissioned officers and men of Cavalry regiments, and also of Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery, who were in receipt of service pay were permitted to transfer to the reserve on conversion of service without the usual payment prescribed by the Royal Warrant. These concessions, however, were not largely taken advantage of, as, owing to the state of trade, the opportunities of obtaining suitable employment have been restricted.

Production of characters of recruits.

5. The regulation that all recruits shall produce characters before being accepted for the Regular Army or Militia has had satisfactory results throughout the year. A circular was issued for the guidance of the Recruiting Staff soon after the last Annual Report was published, giving instructions for the better working of the system. It was suggested that in cases where in spite of the necessity of obtaining a character, undesirable recruits had been enlisted, General Officers Commanding should give every facility to Officers Commanding Regimental Districts to discharge such men. In some districts General Officers have delegated this power to Officers Commanding Regimental Districts.

False characters.

6. In the last Report, reference was made to the necessity of preventing the enlistment of recruits by means of false characters, and the necessary Bill was prepared, but owing to pressure of work it was not possible to obtain the sanction of Parliament. It is trusted that Parliament will find time during the coming Session to deal with this important matter.

Standards.

7. The standards of measurement for recruits have been the same as in the preceding year, the Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers and Army Service Corps being recruited at the higher standards brought into force in March, 1903.

Defective teeth.

8. The question of defective teeth among recruits is a matter which becomes of greater importance every year. At the end of the last trooping season the reports received showed that the number of men who were rejected for service abroad with drafts owing to defective teeth was considerable. The subject has again come into prominence in connection with the medical fitness of men to extend their service in order to obtain service pay.

From the 1st of April last, eight dentists have been appointed for the purpose of treating soldiers' teeth, and the whole subject is receiving careful attention.

Recruiting houses.

9. The provision of suitable premises for recruiting purposes has not been lost sight of during the past year. The new house provided at Dublin has been taken into use, a more suitable house has been rented at Bristol, from which good recruiting results are anticipated, and a new recruiting house has been hired at Edinburgh in a central and more suitable part of the town. It is hoped that during the ensuing year further steps will be taken, if funds be forthcoming, to improve other recruiting premises; the Recruiting Establishment at St. George's

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Barracks, and the one at Birmingham being the two which require the earliest consideration.

10. Some financial concessions have been made during the year, the principal of which are as follows:— Financial concessions.

(*a.*) In view of the despatch of the battalions of the Royal Garrison Regiment to South Africa, and to induce men to extend their service, furloughs were granted to enable men to visit their families in this country without cessation of separation allowance in the case of men already on the married establishment. Soldiers of the Royal Garrison Regiment not already on the married roll were allowed, if they re-engaged, to receive the privileges of the married roll, and also to draw separation allowance while on furlough.

(*b.*) Non-commissioned officers employed on the recruiting service, when proceeding to out-stations, have been allowed, in certain circumstances, to draw a special rate of ration allowance, at the discretion of the General Officer Commanding the District.

(*c.*) The attention of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury was directed to the fact that old soldiers who had rendered war service, but who were in receipt of small service pensions awarded to them on their discharge, were ineligible, owing to the receipt of such pensions, for the higher rates now awarded as campaign pensions to soldiers who have rendered war service, but had not otherwise qualified for pension. In consequence of this representation an amendment was introduced in the Royal Warrant, by which, on surrender of the pension already awarded, these old soldiers could reap the benefit of the special campaign pensions which are now awarded at higher rates. It has also been decided that where ex-soldiers have received a medal given by the Imperial Government while serving in any colonial force, such men may be considered eligible for campaign pensions.

(*d.*) A concession has been made in the case of soldiers detained in hospital after discharge, or transfer to the Army Reserve; in future such men will not be liable for hospital stoppages.

(*e.*) Improved rates of coast pay have been granted in certain cases to men serving on the West Coast of Africa. Slightly improved rates of pay have also been granted to Range-finders of the Royal Artillery.

(*f.*) The position of bandsmen has been materially improved as regards the service required to be rendered before they can receive pensions as musicians, as instead of having to serve 12 years on the recognised establishment of the band before qualifying for entry into the higher class for pension, 5 years' service is all that is now required.

(*g.*) Increased rates of pension and compassionate allowances to widows and children of warrant officers who die of wounds or injuries received in the performance of military duty otherwise than on active service, have been provided. Provision has also been made for the grant of pensions to the widows and children of other soldiers who may die under like circumstances. This concession has been extended to the families of N.C.O's. and men of the Auxiliary Forces.

(*h.*) Until recently, the wives of non-commissioned officers and men were allowed medical attendance and medical comforts

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at the public expense when present with a corps; this indulgence has now been extended to those in receipt of separation allowance.

(*i.*) It has been decided that paid pensioner recruiters while on sick leave shall not be placed under stoppages during such period, but that so long as they hold their appointment they may continue to draw the pay thereof.

(*j.*) A considerable increase in the amount of money awarded annually in annuities to soldiers or discharged soldiers who have performed long, valuable, and meritorious service, or have been awarded medals for distinguished conduct, has been made.

(*k.*) The allowance granted to N.C.O.'s using their cycles for recruiting purposes has been provisionally increased during the past year.

Extra rewards to recruiters.

11. During the year under review it was brought to the notice of the then Commander-in-Chief that regiments were in the habit of subscribing funds to supplement the rewards given to recruiters; thus making additional payments for recruits raised for their corps. It was considered undesirable that officers should be called upon to subscribe out of their private means, or that regimental funds should be used to defray expenditure of this nature. General Officers Commanding were requested to take steps to stop the practice if it existed in their commands.

Marches.

12. There have been no marches of regiments through their territorial districts during the past year.

Lecturing tour.

13. A lecturing tour was undertaken under the instructions of the Officer Commanding the 23rd Regimental District in North Wales. Much interest was evinced in the lectures given. Those who attended were mostly young men of the class from which recruits might be expected.

Army Veterinary Corps.

14. One new corps has been formed during the past year, namely, the Army Veterinary Corps, and special rates of pay have been laid down for those non-commissioned officers and men joining the Corps.

Press notices.

15. In order to popularise the Army among the friends and relatives of serving soldiers, and at the same time enable them to follow the career of the men enlisting, a proposal was made that officers commanding units should send to the officer commanding the depôt, lists of promotions, successes, honours, etc., gained by soldiers during their career with the Colours, whether in peace or on active service. It was considered that the publication of such details was likely to prove an incentive to men of the more respectable classes to embark upon a military career. Complimentary notices embodying the information received have from time to time been sent to the editors of the local newspapers, and in many cases the local Press has given every facility for their insertion.

Magic lanterns.

16. The magic lantern slides in use for recruiting lectures having become more or less obsolete, a circular memorandum was issued to General Officers Commanding at home and abroad, inviting units to send any films or photographs on army subjects which would illustrate the life of a soldier in the Army. It is hoped by this means to obtain an attractive series of pictures which will be of use in recruiting lecturing tours.

Badge for Nursing Service.

17. A distinction has been conferred upon the non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal Army Medical Corps, His Majesty the King having been graciously pleased to sanction the wearing in uniform of the bronze badge of the Queen Alexandra's Imperial

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Military Nursing Service by those non-commissioned officers and men, who, on account of their skill in nursing, and other higher qualifications, are specially selected for admission into that service.

18. With a view of making the depôts for recruits more attractive, a limited number of surplus arms have been issued from the obsolete weapons in store at Weedon for decorative purposes. Depôt decorations.

19. On the 1st April, 1904, an important change was made in the Woolwich District, the recruiting being placed under the charge of a Class I. Recruiting Staff Officer instead of a paid recruiting officer. Recruiting Staff Officer, Woolwich.

20. The recruiting regulations have been thoroughly revised and issued during the year. Recruiting regulations.

21. The terms of service have been altered in the Household Cavalry during the past year in order to provide a Reserve for the three regiments. The period of engagement, which hitherto had been for 12 years with no liability of reserve service, was altered to eight years with the Colours and four in the Army Reserve. To expedite the formation of such a reserve, soldiers who have already given eight years' service are allowed to pass to the reserve. Household Cavalry—Terms of service.

22. Recruiting for the Royal Artillery, considering the restrictions enforced and the higher standard introduced in March, 1903, may be considered as satisfactory. Royal Artillery.

23. Recruiting for the Foot Guards, while showing a slight increase has been unsatisfactory, as the recruits obtained have not been sufficient to bring the several regiments up to their proper establishment, though this establishment was reduced on the 1st April. Foot Guards.

In order to lessen this deficiency certain regulations have been relaxed in these Corps; for example, as a tentative measure, non-commissioned officers and men are now allowed to extend their service for periods of a year at a time instead of being required to extend to the full period of eight years. Men extending for these short periods cannot draw service pay, but are eligible to extend their service to the full period of eight years at any time, and thereby qualify for the grant.

24. Recruiting for the Infantry of the Line has been satisfactory, but this is largely attributable to the fact that recruits had no option but to join the Infantry, other arms, owing to their surplus, being closed to recruiting. Infantry of Line.

25. As 400 recruits had joined the King's Royal Rifles and Rifle Brigade, all of whom had been enlisted in the month of January, a special report was called for from the Officer Commanding the Rifle Depôt. Owing to the non-territorial connection of these two regiments, recruits are necessarily drawn from all over England. It seemed, therefore, a suitable opportunity of ascertaining, with reference to the "character regulations," and the physical standard adopted the preceding year, whether the recruits were of good class and physically fit for the ordinary duties of a soldier. The report received classified the recruits according to the districts and commands in which they were raised, and on the whole was decidedly satisfactory, though the recruits received from Lancashire were not as good as those raised elsewhere. It was stated that "there was a good deal of difference between the country-bred recruits and those from the town. The former are of better physique, but are slow at learning their work, they generally eventually develop into good soldiers. The recruits raised in the towns show signs of bad feeding in their infancy, and are not constitutionally as strong as the country lads. On the whole, the physique is very fair, and the Special report of recruits of Rifle Depôt.

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majority are fairly well educated, about 20 per cent. obtaining third-class certificates within a month of enlistment. The conduct generally of the recruits while at the depôt is excellent, and with few exceptions they work hard and do their best in every way. Once they realise they are under discipline there is practically no crime."

Royal Garrison Regt.

26. Consequent on the decision to eventually abolish the Royal Garrison Regiment, recruiting was discontinued on the 14th April, 1904 for that unit.

Returns of rejections.

27. Towards the end of last year the attention of the Recruiting Department was directed to the marked differences in the results of the medical examination in several of the large recruiting centres, and information was requested as to the system of weeding out intending recruits before submitting them for medical inspection. Inquiry was also made as to whether the examining medical officer invariably entered every man's name on the registers before making the medical inspection, or what custom prevailed in the several districts. In consequence of the information received in reply, the Quarterly Recruiting Returns were amended to secure uniformity in every district, and to ensure that all men examined by any portion of the Recruiting Staff and rejected as physically unfit, or below the minimum requirements of the recruiting standard, should be shown on the returns.

Medical examination of Militiamen for Regulars.

28. It was brought to notice that instances not unfrequently occurred of Militiamen unfit for the service being passed into the Line. Instructions were therefore issued that the medical examination of all Militiamen who desired to enlist for the Line on the conclusion of preliminary drill, or training, should be carried out as rigorously as on first enlistment. A man who had passed a medical examination on joining the Militia and subsequently developed to the necessary height and chest measurement for the Regular Army must not be considered medically fit without further examination.

Civil Medical Practitioner in Lewis.

29. To obviate the long distances which recruits had to travel in the Island of Lewis for medical examination, an additional civilian medical officer has been appointed with beneficial results.

Distribution of recruits.

30. The following table shows the number of recruits enlisted for long and short service respectively during the last four years and nine months, and the arms of the service which they joined :—

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	1900.	1901.	1902.	First 9 months of 1903.	During 12 months ended 30.9.04.
Terms of Service.					
12 years with the Colours	2,107	2,004	1,894	1,524	1,813
8 years with the Colours, and 4 years in the Reserve	..	..	..	..	89
7 years with the Colours, and 5 years in the Reserve	37,974	34,203	9,917	..	..
3 years with the Colours, and 9 years in the Reserve	7,619	8,950	38,942	27,556	38,550
2 years with the Colours, and 10 years in Reserve	..	..	..	244	827
1 year with the Colours, or for the war, should it last longer	24,449*	23,373*	10,573*	..	..
Re-enlisted { For one year ..	24,130§	655†	204†	..	..
Re-enlisted { A.O. 106 of 1900 ..	522‡	532‡	336‡	75	10
Royal Garrison Regiment ..	..	4,052	2,250	1,121	561
Colonial Corps (various terms) ..	1,560	1,882	924	506	792
Total..	98,361	75,651	65,040	31,026	42,642
Arms of the Service.					
Household Cavalry	370	201	149	50	114
Cavalry of the Line	8,335	6,397	6,189	358	491
Imperial Yeomanry	10,242	17,252	7,239	..	..
Royal Artillery { Horse and Field ..	9,667	7,024	8,663	2,422	2,353
Royal Artillery { Garrison	4,406	2,955	3,499	2,922	3,845
Royal Engineers	3,121	2,706	1,745	765	1,112
Foot Guards	3,112	2,307	1,837	1,144	1,996
Infantry of the Line	51,407	27,004	29,038	20,163	29,750
Royal Garrison Regiment ..	..	4,052	2,250	1,121	561
Colonial Corps	1,560	1,882	924	506	792
City of London Imperial Volunteers	1,664	..	..	..	..
Army Service Corps	1,923	1,115	1,922	727	1,155
Army Ordnance Corps	479	463	337	131	175
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	1,832	2,052	1,208	717	298
Army Pay Corps	8	2	..	..	..
Army Post Office Corps	235	239	40	..	..
Total..	98,361	75,651	65,040	31,026	42,642

* Imperial Yeomanry and Volunteers, &c., enlisted for 1 year or the duration of the war. † Imperial Yeomen re-enlisted for 1 year.

‡ Ex-soldiers, discharged on completion of 12 years' service, re-enlisted until attaining the age of 41, or until completing 21 years' total service, whichever happens first. § Royal Reservists.

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Distribution of recruits.

31. The subjoined table shows the number of recruits enlisted during the twelve months ended 30 Sept., 1904, for the various arms of the service, ex-soldiers re-enlisted for a minimum service of 4 years at home or abroad, and ex-soldiers who joined the Royal Garrison Regiment:—

Arms of the Service.	Ordinary Recruits.	Ex-soldiers re-enlisted under A.O. 106 of 1900.	Ex-soldiers re-enlisted under A.O. 35 of 1903.	Total.
Household Cavalry	114	..	..	114
Cavalry of the Line	489	2	..	491
Royal Artillery { Horse and Field ..	2,353	..	..	2,353
Royal Artillery { Garrison	3,845	..	..	3,845
Royal Engineers	1,112	..	..	1,112
Foot Guards	1,996	..	..	1,996
Infantry of the Line	29,742	8	..	29,750
Royal Garrison Regiment ..	..	..	561	561
Colonial Corps	792	..	..	792
Army Service Corps	1,155	..	..	1,155
Army Ordnance Corps	175	..	..	175
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	298	..	..	298
Army Pay Corps	..	..	..	..
Army Post Office Corps	..	..	..	..
Total	42,071	10	561	42,642

Recruits enlisted under standard.

32. The following table shows the total number of recruits joined (exclusive of those for Colonial Corps), the numbers taken under any of the standards, and the percentage under standard, during the twelve months ended 30th Sept. 1904, as compared with the previous four years:—

—	1900.	1901.	1902.* During first quarter.	1902.* During remaining quarters.	First 9 months of 1903.	Year ended 30.9.04.
Total recruits joined ..	47,700†	45,157†	13,103†	37,650†	28,183	41,279
Number under any of the standards	14,524	14,840	3,943	4.297	1,722	531
Percentage under standard	30·4	32·9	30·1	11·4	6·1	1·2
			16·2			

* The table has been divided into two parts for 1902, owing to the introduction of the new system of medical examination, which commenced in the second quarter of the year, under which the number of men specially enlisted has considerably decreased.

† Excluding men specially raised during the war, and ex-soldiers re-enlisted under Army Order 106 of 1900.

Colonial Corps.

33. The effective strength of the several Colonial Corps between the 1st October, 1903, and the 1st October, 1904, and the number of recruits raised for each Corps, are shown in the following table:—

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Corps.	Establishment on 1st October, 1904.	Effectives (rank and file). On 1st October, 1903.	Effectives (rank and file). On 1st October, 1904.	Wanting or supernumerary on 1st October, 1904.	Increase or decrease during the 12 months ended 30.9.04.	Recruits raised during the 12 months ended 30.9.04.
West India Regiment—						
1st Battalion	1,070	1,330	1,191			
2nd "	902	1,028	789	+184*	−431	7
3rd "	..	197	..			
Depôt	108	140	284			
Royal Artillery—						
West African Company ..	103	211	120	+ 17	− 91	..
West Indian Battalion .. — Sierra Leone Companies	174	..	158	− 16	+158	1
West Indian Battalion .. — West India Companies	186	186	182	− 4	− 4	35
Hong Kong Singapore Battalion, Royal Garrison Artillery	639	570	621	− 18	+ 51	132
Ceylon - Mauritius Battalion, Royal Garrison Artillery ..	378	334	342	− 36	+ 8	17
Royal Malta Artillery	757	632	556	−201	− 76	73
Royal Engineers—						
Asiatic Companies	153	152	152	− 1	..	19
West India Company	54	116	52	− 2	− 45	7
Sierra Leone "	19	..	19	..	..	..
Chinese Regiment..	505	490	506	+ 1	+ 16	193
West African Regiment	1,000	968	985	− 15	+ 17	308
Total	6,048	6,354	5,957	− 91	−397	792

* Caused by the reduction of the 3rd Battalion.

34. The number of Militiamen who joined the Regular Forces during the last four years and nine months is given below:— Militiamen enlisting in Regular Army.

Corps which the men joined.	1900.	1901.	1902.	First 9 months of 1903.	12 months ended 30.9.04.
Regular Army	10,715	14,907	18,379	11,870	14,932
Royal Navy or Royal Marines ..	247	666	615	559	716
Total	10,962	15,573	18,994	12,429	15,648

35. The number of recruits raised for the Regular Army and the Militia by the various agencies during the past twelve months, and the number obtained in each recruiting area for the Regular Army during the past five years, will be found in Appendix A.* Recruiting Agencies.

Appendix B† shows the increase and decrease of each arm of the service during the 12 months ended 30th September, 1904.

Appendix C‡ shows the increase and decrease during the past 4 years and 9 months.

36. The number of recruits raised by the Serjeant Instructors of Volunteers and the Permanent Staff of the Yeomanry for the year ended 30th September, 1904, is: Army, 4,752; Militia, 3,086, as compared to Army, 2,575; Militia, 1,521 for the first nine months of 1903. Recruiting by Permanent Staff of Yeomanry and Volunteers.

* *See* p. 46. † Printed as Table 4 of Part II, pp. 8 and 9. ‡ *See* pp. 52 and 53.

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Discharges as Invalids.

37 The number of men who were discharged as invalids in their first and second year of service during the period 1898 to 1904, and the proportion of such invalids to the effective strength, will be seen from the annexed table :—

Year.	Number of men under two years' service on 1st January or 1st October in each year.			Invalids discharged during the year under two years' service.			Proportion of invalids per 1,000 effective under two years' service.	
	Under one year.	From one to two years.	Total.	Under one year.	From one to two years.	Total.	Under one year.	From one to two years.
1898 ..	30,665	22,278	52,943	524	459	983	17	21
1899 ..	36,248	26,629	62,877	549	454	1,003	15	17
1900 ..	*Figures*	*not avai*	*lable.*	*944*	*570*	*1,514**	*Figures not available.*	
1901 ..		*Ditto.*		*1,795*	*2,030*	*3,825**	*Ditto.*	
1902 ..		*Ditto.*		*1,214*	*1,040*	*2,254**	*Ditto.*	
1903 ..	44,994	31,996	76,990	671	741	1,415	14	23
1st Oct., 1903 ..	41,288	36,337	77,625	769	818	1,587	18	22

* Exclusive of men of Yeomanry, Volunteers, and Irregular Corps raised specially for the war in South Africa, as well as those of the ordinary Colonial Corps. The figures for 1st October, 1903, columns 2, 3, and 4, are exclusive of men of the Royal Garrison Regiment.

Numbers medically inspected and rejected.

38. The following table, furnished by the Army Medical Department, shows the number of ordinary recruits who presented themselves for medical examination during the past four years and nine months, the number of those who were rejected, and the percentage of rejections :—

	1900.	1901.	1902.	First 9 months of 1903.	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.
Numbers medically inspected ..	84,402	76,750	87,609	50,640	71,699
Numbers rejected—					
For various ailments	13,788	14,931	19,674	12,541	18,816
For want of physical development	9,317	7,355	8,547	4,588	5,842
Total rejected ..	23,105	22,286	28,221	17,129	24,658
Percentage of rejections—					
For various ailments	16·3	19·46	22·46	24·77	26·24
For want of physical development	11·1	9·58	9·76	9·06	8·15
Total	27·4	29·04	32·22	33·83	34·39*

* This percentage does not include the numbers rejected on physical grounds or for failure to reach the required standard by recruiters or recruiting officers. Such rejections are made prior to medical inspection, and for the nine months of the year ending 30th September, 1904, amounted to a total of 20,075.

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39 The subjoined table shows the educational qualifications of the recruits raised during the last five years. It is satisfactory to notice that there is a slight improvement over 1903. Educational qualifications.

	Education (proportion per 1,000 found fit).				
	1900.	1901.	1902.	First 9 months of 1903.	1st Oct. 1903 to 30th Sept., 1904.
Well educated	83	98	55	67	72
Able to read and write	889	879	925	907	912
Able to read only	15	13	9	15	6
Unable to read	13	10	11	11	10

40. The occupations of the recruits medically inspected during the past year are shown in Appendix F.* These are shown in greater detail than before owing to the wishes expressed by the Inter-Deparmental Committee on Physical Deterioration. An effort has been made to divide the trades into Indoor and Outdoor as well as into Skilled and Unskilled. The number of boys examined, and the number medically rejected is also shown. Social position of recruits.

41. The following tables show (*a*) the recruits enlisted for three years' Colour service during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1901, and the number of such recruits who extended their service; (*b*) the percentage of extensions of the men who completed their three years' Colour service during the years 1901, 1902, the first nine months of 1903, and the twelve months ended 30th September, 1904. Extensions of service of men enlisted for three years with the Colours.

(*a*) Corps.	No. of recruits enlisted for three years during the twelve months ended 30th September, 1901.	Became non-effective before completing three years' service.	Completed three years' service.				Percentage of extensions to men who completed three years' service.
			Serving abroad or transferred to other corps.	Serving after having lost service through desertion.	Transferred to Army Reserve.	Extended their service.	
Grenadier Guards ..	519	144	10	9	287	69	18·4
Coldstream Guards ..	342	104	8	10	200	20	8·4
Scots Guards	270	94	3	2	108	63	35·7
Irish Guards	373	146	4	3	160	60	26·4
Royal Engineers ..	491	107	92	7	194	91	23·7
Army Service Corps ..	1,516	364	47	13	672	420	36·4
Army Medical Corps..	564	132	45	19	77	291	67·3
Infantry of the Line..	5,190	1,592	857	127	1,866	748	20·7
Total	9,265	2,683	1,066	190	3,564	1,762	26·7
			6,582				

* *See* p. 140.

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Percentage of extensions of men who completed three years Colour service during:—

(b) Corps.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1901.	1902.	First 9 months of 1903.	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.
Grenadier Guards ..	31·4	28·4	23·8	12·5	9·9	6·3	18·4
Coldstream Guards ..	31·6	20·8	19·1	18·0	8·4	4·0	8·4
Scots Guards ..	48·3	44·0	37·5	34·3	31·6	30·0	35·7
Irish Guards.. ..	*	*	*	*	..	30·7	26·4
Royal Engineers ..	47·0	47·2	38 2	8·4	15·7	20·1	23·7
Army Service Corps ..	52·6	47·9	50·9	5·4	31·2	35·2	36·4†
Army Medical Corps..	55·0	51·8	53·7	4·2	4·2	16·0	67·3
Infantry of the Line ..	*	*	*	*	13·6	12·1	20·7
General percentage	43 ·9	39 ·2	36 ·7	15·2	16·6	17·8	26·7

* No man completed 3 years.

† To build up an efficient reserve extensions are limited in the case of drivers to those likely to make N.C.O.'s, or who possess useful trade qualifications.

An examination of the above table shows that, in those Corps where a comparison is applicable, the percentage of extensions is less than in the years 1896–7–8, although the pay of the soldier has been increased by the grant of messing allowance, allowance for the up-keep of kit and service pay. The latter, however, did not become issuable until April, 1904, to such men as have completed two years' service. For this reason it is difficult to form a correct opinion as to the result of the general system of three years' enlistment introduced in 1902; up to the present, however, the returns show that anticipations as to the numbers who would probably extend have not been realized.

42. Precise figures as to the extensions of three years' men are difficult to obtain, but the following table, showing approximately the proportion of extensions of the men enlisted for three years' service since the 1st October, 1901, may be of interest:—

—	Proportion who had extended their service to 8 years.
Three years' men in the third year of service on the 1st October, 1904	22·39
Men in the second year	13·40
Men in the first year	2·45

Desertion.

43. The number of men who deserted, and of those who rejoined from desertion during the past five years, is given below.

It will be seen that the diminution is marked as compared to last year.

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Year.	Total desertions.	Number re-joined from desertion.	Net waste by desertion.	Recruits joined.*	Percentage of net waste to recruits joined.
1900	6,378	2,438	3,940	49,260	8·0
1901	7,686	2,689	4,997	47,039	10·6
1902	7,162	2,851	4,311	50,753	8·5
First 9 months of 1903	4,653	2,241	2,412	29,324	8·2
12 months ended 30th Sept., 1904.	3,959	2,673	1,286	42,071	3·0

* Excluding men specially raised during the war and ex-soldiers re-enlisted under A.O. 106 of 1900, and A.O. 35 of 1903, but including Colonial Corps.

II.—Army Reserve.

Strength of the Army Reserve during last four years and nine months.

44. The strength of the Army Reserve, as was to be expected, shows a material increase over the numbers on the 1st October, 1903, and unless the men enlisting for three years extend their service to a much greater extent in the future, the strength of the Army Reserve will be even larger than it is at present.

45. The number of men in the several regiments who had elected to join Section "A" of the Army Reserve showed such marked variation, that a circular was sent out calling the attention of General Officers Commanding to the fact. They were instructed to take such steps as would ensure that the Officers commanding regimental districts kept the Officers commanding the Line Battalions fully acquainted with the number of vacancies in the section, so that the regimental quota could be maintained.

46. The following table shows the strength of the Army Reserve during the past four years and nine months, and also the numbers belonging to the various arms of the service, and to each section of the Reserve:—

Date.	Arms of the Service.												Total strength.
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry.	Royal Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	Colonial Corps.	
1st Jan., 1900	...	3,255	3,337	1,178	1,323	13,907	1,205	16	15	4	7	110	24,130
,, 1901	...	496	1,238	261	349	2,670	275	8	5	1	4	103	5,251
,, 1902	...	285	927	243	237	342	206	8	5	42	1	102	2,398
,, 1903	...	2,028	4,881	1,559	3,904	18,656	1,278	328	55	43	8	125	32,865
1st Oct., 1903	...	5,599	7,841	2,657	5,790	40,403	2,488	1,095	130	198	17	253	66,471
,, 1904	17	5,773	8,895	2,996	6,281	45,885	3,093	1,280	127	237	17	339	74,940

The figures for 1900 are affected as regards all classes of the Reserve by the numbers recalled to the Colours on mobilisation, viz., 54,320.

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Date.	Numbers provided for in Army Estimates as probable maximum.	Volunteers.	Sections of the Army Reserve.				
			Section A.	Section B.	Section C*.	Section D.	Total strength.
1st Jan., 1900 ..	98,000	..	101	9,856	317	13,856	24,130
„ 1901 ..	90,000	2,163	4	995	106	1,983	5,251
„ 1902 ..	80,000	1	..	933	233	231	2,398
„ 1903 ..	70,000	..	328	28,759	697	3,081	32,865
1st Oct., 1903 ..	70,000	..	2,921	55,165	1,741	6,644	66,471
„ 1904 ..	80,000	..	2,564	62,190	.. *	10,186	74,940

* Section C has been merged into Section B.

Increase and decrease.

47. Full details as to the increase and decrease of the Reserve, during the past four years and nine months, are given in Appendix D, printed as Table 1, Part X, page 107.

Transfer from the Colours.

48. The number of men transferred from the Colours to the Reserve on completing their Colour service, during the past four years and nine months, and of those permitted to pass to the Reserve before completing their Colour service, was as stated below. The totals do not include men demobilised :—

Year.	On completion of Colour service (Sections A and B).	Before completing Colour service (Section C).	Relegated to the Reserve, having re-enlisted irregularly.	Total.
1900*	9	2	2	13
1901*	359	360	85	804
1902	18,781	355	137	19,273
First 9 months of 1903 ..	26,340	1,412	54	27,806
12 months ended 30th Sept., 1904.	15,205	1,956	66	17,227

* Transfers to the Reserve were suspended owing to the war.

III.—Militia, Reserve of the Militia, and Imperial Yeomanry.

Recruiting results.

49. Recruiting for the Militia for the nine months of the current year shows an increase over the corresponding period of 1903, but taking the figures for the twelve months under review the totals are much the same as in the preceding twelve months.

The recruits enlisting are reported to be inferior in physique to those offering for the Regular Army, but the reports from the districts state that the recruits rapidly improve in physique. Reports from many districts state that recruits merely join the Militia in order to develop sufficiently to enter the Regular Army.

In some instances it has been reported that the statements made in the public Press as regards impending changes in the Militia have produced a feeling of uncertainty, and have detrimentally affected recruiting.

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50. Representations having been made that in the interests of recruiting Militia Battalions should, as far as practicable, train in the vicinity of their headquarters, and not be brigaded or assembled together oftener than once in three years, a circular letter was sent to General Officers Commanding who were desired to make the best arrangements for the training of the units in their command during 1904, consistent with the training and efficiency of the units, and the interests of recruiting. Training in territorial area.

In several cases the reports attribute the increased numbers in units to the fact that the latter have trained in their own districts.

51. The regulation requiring characters for Militia recruits is stated to have produced good results during the past year, and it is satisfactory to note that the net loss from desertion shows a decreased percentage. Characters.

52. In July last His Majesty the King was graciously pleased to approve of the Yorkshire, Royal Garrison Artillery (Militia) being in future designated The Yorkshire (Duke of York's Own) Royal Garrison Artillery (Militia). Change of title.

53. Recruiting for several Garrison Artillery Militia units in Ireland has again been suspended during the year, pending a decision as to the retention of the units in question. Suspension of recruiting.

54. At the end of 1903 the standard of height for the Militia was reduced from 5 ft. 3 in. to 5 ft. 2 in., but this lower standard was made applicable only to growing lads under 20 years of age. Standard.

55. In January, 1904, it was decided to discontinue enlistments for the Reserve Division of the Militia, a force which in accordance with legislation passed had only come into existence in March, 1903. Orders were consequently issued directing all enlistments to cease for this Reserve, except in the case of men passing into it from the Royal Garrison Regiment on the conclusion of their Colour Service. Reserve Division of the Militia.

56. Tables are here given: (*a*) showing the strength of the Militia on the 1st January or 1st October, as compared with the ordinary establishment during the last four years and nine months; and (*b*) the actual strength of each arm of the Militia on the 1st October, 1904, as compared with the establishment:— State of the Militia during the last four years and nine months.

(*a*)

Date.	Non-commissioned officers and men (exclusive of the Permanent Staff).				
	Effective strength.	Establishment.	Wanting to complete.	Increase or decrease in the effective strength during the preceding 12 or 9 months.	
				Increase.	Decrease.
1st January, 1901 ..	92,741(*a*)	124,252	31,511	..	5,389(*a*)
„ 1902 ..	102,845(*b*)	123,993	21,148	10,104	—
„ 1903 ..	102,420	123,016	20,596	..	425
1st October, 1903 ..	89,743	123,510	33,767	..	12,677
„ 1904 ..	86,491	123,510	37,019	..	3,252

(*a*) Excluding 10,981 Militia Reservists called out on permanent service with line units in 1900.

(*b*) Excluding 32 Militia Reservists called out on permanent service with line units in 1901.

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(*b*)

Arm of the Militia.	Non-commissioned officers and men (exclusive of the Permanent Staff).		
	Effective strength.	Establishment.	Wanting to complete.
Royal Field Artillery	268	297	29
Royal Garrison Artillery	13,084	17,376	4,292
Royal Engineers	2,020	2,331	311
Infantry	70,421	102,332	31,911
Royal Army Medical Corps	698	1,174	476
Total	86,491	123,510	37,019

Recruits enlisted during last four years and nine months and their distribution.

57. The following table shows the number of recruits joined during the past four years and nine months, classified according to distribution and arms of the Service:

		1900.	1901.	1902.	First 9 months of 1903.	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.
Number of men serving in	English Militia	30,904	29,674	32,363	20 148	27,002
	Scotch ,,	3,500	4,233	4,451	2,138	3,605
	Irish ,,	3,449	3,737	4,672	3,488	4,657
Total		37,853	37,644	41,486	25,774	35,264
Arms: Royal Artillery Militia	Field ..	—	306	95	150	199
	Garrison	3,727	3,553	4,666	3,527	4,617
Royal Engineer Militia ..		684	695	661	824	716
Infantry Militia		33,302	32,668	35,560	20,985	29,165
Royal Army Medical Corps		140	422	504	288	567
Total		37,853	37,644	41,486	25,774	35,264

Aggregate strength and distribution of Militia.

The aggregate strength of the Militia by arms and distribution is as follows:—

Serving on the	English.	Scotch.	Irish.	Total.	Arms. Royal Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Total.
1st Jan., 1900	64,653	11,163	22,314	98,130	14,446	1,665	81,795	224	98,130
,, 1901	34,168	10,031	18,542	92,741	13,535	1,750	77,293	163	92,741
,, 1902	72,764	11,182	18,899	102,845	14,382	1,959	85,936	568	102,845
,, 1903	72,694	11,481	18,245	102,420	13,878	1,969	85,741	832	102,420
1st Oct., 1903	62,455	10,210	17,078	89,743	13,310	2,049	73,643	741	89,743
,, 1904	59,287	10,048	17,156	86,491	13,352	2,020	70,421	698	86,491

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58. Detailed information as to the increase and decrease of the Militia will be found on pages 117, 118 and 119. Increase and decrease of the Militia.

59. The number of re-enlisted and re-engaged Militiamen serving on the dates shown is as stated in the following table:— Re-enlistments and re-engagements.

Serving on the	Re-engaged Militiamen.	Re-enlisted Militiamen.	Discharged soldiers.	Total.	Percentage on the strength.
1st January, 1900 ..	31,462	5,797	7,091	*44,350	47
,, †1901 ..	..	..	..	..	..
,, †1902 ..	..	..	..	..	..
,, 1903 ..	17,712	5,976	4,413	28,101	27·4
1st October, 1903 ..	13,724	7,450	4,255	25,429	28·3
1st October, 1904 ..	11,754	8,731	4,451	24,936	28·8

* Five Battalions serving in South Africa, whose numbers were not reported, are not included in this table.

† Figures for 1st January, 1901 and 1902, not available.

60. A return is appended, showing the loss caused by desertion during the past four years and nine months, and the percentage of such loss to the effective strength:— Desertion.

Year.	Average strength during period.	Struck off as Deserters and Absentees.	Rejoined from desertion.	Net loss by desertion.	Percentage to average strength. Net loss by desertion.
1900	92,951	11,885	2,449	9,436	10·2
1901	98,189	3,366	1,179	2,187	2·2
1902	104,633	10,453	1,224	9,229	8·8
9 months ended 30th Sept., 1903	98,706	9,435	1,013	8,422	8·5
12 months ended 30th Sept., 1904	91,041	6,704	1,160	5,544	6·1

61. A table is annexed showing the strength and distribution of the old Militia Reserve, the Special Service Section, and the New Reserve Division of the Militia, on 1st October, 1904:—

1st October, 1904.	England.	Scotland.	Ireland.	Total.
Old Militia Reserve ..	895	192	400	1,487
Special Service Section ..	412	110	494	1,016
New Reserve Division of Militia	5,400	903	779	7,082

The old Militia Reserve and the Special Service Section were abolished on the 1st April, 1901, and men were given the option of cancelling their engagements. The Militia Reserve had an establishment of 30,000, and it will be seen there are still 1,487 remaining.

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Imperial Yeomanry.

Establishment.

62. The Imperial Yeomanry on the 1st October, 1904, was only 250 under its establishment. The establishment, however, was reduced on the 1st April from 32,708 to 25,752, exclusive of officers and permanent staff.

In consequence of the reduction in the establishment of the Imperial Yeomanry which took effect from the 1st April, several units were in excess of establishment and were obliged to discontinue recruiting until the existing supernumeraries were absorbed. Instructions were issued that such supernumeraries might be retained and, if efficient, be allowed to re-engage, even though the unit was still in excess of establishment.

Instructions were also issued during the recent trainings dealing with the question of Yeomen whose term of service expired during the training, and excusing such men from attendance should they so desire.

A new recruiting poster has been issued during the year.

Recruiting.

63. The number of recruits taken during the twelve months of the year ended 30th September, 1904, amounts to 5,547, as compared with 7,009 for the preceding nine months.

Strength and Establishment of Imperial Yeomanry.

64. The following table shows the enrolled strength and establishment of the Imperial Yeomanry, the number, supernumerary or required to complete, on the 1st October, 1904, and the number who joined during the past twelve months:—

Regiments.	Headquarters.	Establishment.	Strength.	Wanting to complete.	Supernumerary.	Recruits joined during past 12 months.
Ayrshire	Ayr	444	427	17	..	74
Bedfordshire	Bedford ..	444	413	31	..	127
Berkshire	Reading ..	444	405	39	..	103
Buckinghamshire	Buckingham ..	444	537	..	93	91
Cheshire	Chester	444	545	..	101	46
Denbighshire	Denbigh ..	444	474	..	30	80
Derbyshire	Derby	444	461	..	17	75
Devon, Royal 1st	Exeter	444	423	21	..	80
„ Royal North	Barnstaple ..	444	478	..	34	43
Dorset	Sherborne ..	444	289	155	..	56
Essex	Colchester ..	444	512	..	68	32
Fifeshire and Forfarshire ..	Cupar	444	466	..	22	199
Glamorganshire	Bridgend ..	444	389	55	..	170
Gloucestershire	Gloucester ..	444	425	19	..	57
Hampshire	Winchester ..	444	425	19	..	188
Herts	St. Albans ..	444	303	141	..	99
Ireland, North of	Belfast	444	426	18	..	285
„ South of	Limerick ..	444	418	26	..	176
Kent, Royal East	Canterbury ..	444	393	51	..	84
„ West	Maidstone ..	444	297	147	..	59

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Regiments.	Headquarters.	Establishment.	Strength.	Wanting to complete.	Supernumerary.	Recruits joined during past 12 months.
Lanarkshire	Lanark	444	433	11	..	86
„ (Royal Glasgow)	Glasgow ..	444	416	28	..	96
Lancaster's Own, Duke of ..	Manchester ..	444	489	..	45	91
Lancashire Hussars	Liverpool ..	444	462	..	18	100
Leicestershire	Leicester ..	444	516	..	72	93
Lincolnshire	Lincoln	444	512	..	68	129
London, City of	London	444	463	..	19	93
„ County of, 2nd ..	„	444	442	2	..	77
„ „ 3rd ..	„	444	445	..	1	137
„ „ 4th ..	„	444	310	134	..	119
Lothians and Berwickshire ..	Dunbar . ..	444	463	..	19	120
Lovat's Scouts..	Beauly, N.B. ..	888	1,067	..	179	81
Middlesex	London	444	409	35	..	60
Montgomeryshire	Welshpool ..	444	445	..	1	47
Norfolk	Norwich ..	444	374	70	..	63
Northamptonshire	Northampton ..	444	411	33	..	60
Northumberland	Newcastle-on-Tyne	444	411	33	..	78
Nottinghamshire (Sherwood Rangers)	Retford.. ..	444	435	9	..	111
Nottinghamshire (South Nottinghamshire Hussars)	Nottingham ..	444	480	..	36	90
Oxfordshire	Oxford	444	398	46	..	68
Pembroke	Tenby	444	438	6	..	66
Scottish Horse	Dunkeld ..	888	894	..	6	589
Shropshire	Shrewsbury ..	444	431	13	..	80
Somerset, North	Bath	444	390	54	..	76
„ West	Taunton ..	444	400	44	..	101
Staffordshire	Lichfield ..	444	431	13	..	110
Suffolk	Bury St. Edmunds	444	411	33	..	81
Surrey	London	444	425	19	..	99
Sussex	Brighton ..	444	487	..	43	60
Warwickshire	Warwick ..	444	431	13	..	48
Westmoreland and Cumberland	Penrith	444	409	35	..	88
Wiltshire, Royal	Chippenham ..	444	541	..	97	51
Worcestershire	Worcester ..	444	440	4	..	62
Yorkshire Hussars	York	444	546	..	102	100
„ Dragoons	Doncaster ..	444	516	..	72	50
„ East Riding of ..	Beverley ..	444	425	19	..	63
	Total.. ..	25,752	25,502	1,393	1,143	5,547
				250		

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65. The subjoined table shows the increase and decrease in the Imperial Yeomanry during the past twelve months of the year ended 30th September, 1904 :—

		Totals.
Strength on 1st October, 1903		24,903
INCREASE—		
Recruits joined		5,547
Re-enlisted		5
Joined from desertion		4
Total increase		5,556
DECREASE—		
Died		75
Discharged	On termination of engagement	2,750
	As invalids	139
	Recruits rejected after attestation	80
	By purchase	1,185
	On conviction of felony	9
	For misconduct other than felony	85
	Other causes	41
Deserters struck off		424
Joined	Regular Army	127
	Royal Navy or Royal Marines	15
Other causes		27
Total decrease		4,957
Net increase		599
Strength on 1st October, 1904		25,502

IV.—CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

General remarks.

66. The important question of providing civil employment for Army Reserve men and discharged soldiers has received anxious consideration during the past year, and it is satisfactory to notice that while 25,498 men have been discharged or transferred to the Reserve with a good, very good or exemplary character, no less than 21,815 ex-soldiers have been provided with employment.

The country has barely recovered from the effects of the South African War, and trade generally throughout the United Kingdom has been quiet. Consequently it has been a matter of considerable difficulty to provide employment, for the large number of men passing to the Reserve.

National Association for the employment of Reserve and Discharged Soldiers.

67. The National Association has been unremitting in its efforts to provide employment for ex-soldiers, but in view of the general slackness of trade the results shown do not quite come up to those of the previous year.

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68. The Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society is also doing good work in obtaining employment for ex-soldiers, and in order to draw the attention of serving soldiers to the advantages of this Society, permission has been given for its notice card to be exhibited in all Regimental Institutions. Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society.

69. A circular was sent out in July last calling attention to the varied results obtained in the several districts in providing employment for ex-soldiers. While the conditions of the labour market naturally vary in every district, the returns in many instances were considered capable of improvement. General Officers Commanding were therefore requested to ascertain if the branch offices were in all cases suitable, and in advantageous positions, and whether any improvement could be made in the working of the several branches. The General Officers concerned went personally into the question, and it is hoped that beneficial results will ensue from their investigations and action. Amongst other changes a branch of the Association has been opened at Dumfries at the instance of the Officer Commanding the Regimental District. Report as to branch offices of National Association.

70. In view of the slackness of trade in the United Kingdom, instructions were issued to General Officers Commanding abroad, that men who were expecting to return home on the expiration of their Colour service should have impressed upon them the importance of using every endeavour to obtain the promise of employment on their arrival home, by communicating with their friends and former employers. The circular drew attention to the work done by the National Association and the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society, and soldiers were strongly advised to apply to either of these Societies on arrival home. The attention of Officers in charge of employment registers has also been directed to the necessity of in all cases furnishing nominal lists to the General Managers of Railway Companies of men registered for railway employment. Circular to warn men serving abroad.

71. In March last the Secretary of the General Post Office notified the Chief Recruiting Staff Officer in London that the list of candidates for full time established situations, and for part time employment, as postmen, was sufficient to meet requirements for some months. General Post Office.

It was not until the end of the following June that intimation was received that vacancies existed for porters, letter-carriers, and auxiliary postmen. The restriction necessarily imposed owing to the absence of vacancies has naturally had some slight effect on the numbers taken for the Post Office.

72. Some slight alterations have been made in the regulations governing the conditions of qualification as warder in the General Prison Service in Ireland, the chief one being that candidates who have served in the army need not necessarily be unmarried. Prison service.

73. During the past twelve months, 36 vacancies as clerks in the War Office were given to ex-soldiers, and the number employed on the 30th September, 1904, was 296, of which number 18 are employed at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. Clerks, War Office.

74. A return received from the London County Council shows that the number of situations under the Council filled by ex-soldiers during the twelve months ended 30th September, 1904, is 304, as compared with 495 for the nine months of the preceding year. London County Council.

75. During the past twelve months 48 places were filled by ex-soldiers as Customs watchers out of 124 vacancies which occurred. In filling this class of appointment, preference is given to pensioners over Army Reservists. Customs watchers.

76. Twelve vacancies for park-keepers occurred during the year, 11 of which were filled by ex-soldiers. Park-keepers.

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Prison warders.

77. The following table shows (i) the number of vacancies which occurred in the Prisons service in 1902, the first nine months of 1903, and 12 months ended 30th September, 1904; and (ii) the number of such vacancies filled by ex-soldiers.

Prisons service of—	Number of vacancies in—			Number of ex-soldiers appointed in—		
	1902.	1903 (9 mths.)	1st Oct., 1903 to 30th Sept., 1904.	1902.	1903 (9 mths.)	1st Oct., 1903 to 30th Sept., 1904.
England and Wales ..	173	182	249	46	117	123
Scotland	37	27	31	10	10	9
Ireland	37	30	30	..	15	3
Total	247	239	310	56	142	135

Pensioner messengers.

78. Vacancies for 28 messengers were filled by pensioners from the War Office list during the past year:—

Name of Government Department.	Number of vacancies as messenger filled through War Office Register.
War Office	19
Board of Trade	1
Local Government Board, Scotland	1
Irish Land Commission	1
Board of Agriculture..	4
Colonial Office..	1
Local Government Board, Dublin	1
Total	28

It will be seen that the number of situations given in Government departments other than the War Office to pensioner messengers has been few.

War Office Departments.

79. The number of ex-soldiers to whom employment in departments under the War Office was given in 1902, the first nine months in 1903, and in the 12 months ended 30th September, 1904, the total number of ex-soldiers in such employment on the 31st December, 1902, 30th September, 1903, and 30th September, 1904, are stated in the subjoined table:—

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Name of Department.	Number of ex-soldiers to whom employment was given in			Total number of ex-soldiers employed on 31st December, 1902, and 30th September, 1903, and 30th September, 1904.		
	1902.	1903 (nine mnths.)	1st Oct., 1903 to 30th Sept., 1904.	1902.	1903	1st Oct., 1903 to 30th Sept., 1904.
Royal Army Clothing Department and Factory	163	18	3	552	468	431
Works and Fortifications Department	64	60	56	470	530	513
Ordnance Factories	518	156	327	2,380	2,174	2,141
Barrack wardens, barrack labourers, &c.	629	279	400	1,454	1,300	1,053
Army Ordnance Department..	1,134	638	641	2,817	2,706	2,620
Total	2,508	1,151	1,427	7,673	7,178	6,758

The pressure of work has not been so heavy in the several Government departments, which probably accounts for the fewer number of ex-soldiers employed.

(b.) *Police Employment.*

80. The following table gives the number of vacancies which occurred in the Police Forces of the United Kingdom during 1902, the first nine months in 1903, and 12 months ended 30th September, 1904, and the number of such vacancies which fell to ex-soldiers in each year:— **Police employment.**

Police Force.	Number of vacancies filled during—			Number of such vacancies given to ex-soldiers in—		
	1902.	1903 (nine mnths.).	1st Oct., 1903 to 30th Sept., 1904.	1902.	1903 (nine mnths.).	1st Oct., 1903 to 30th Sept., 1904.
London City Police	69	34	44	10	18	13
London Metropolitan Police	1,272	705	1,023	247	281	233
Borough and County Police, England and Wales	3,179	1,668	2,176	935	612	581
Scottish Police	620	395	606	125	93	87
Dublin Metropolitan Police	77	58	70	1	2	1
Royal Irish Constabulary	584	155	26	42	7	*Nil.**
Total	5,801	3,015	3,945	1,360	1,013	915

* Recruiting was suspended for R.I.C. during nearly the whole of the period under reference.

The decrease in the number of vacancies given to ex-soldiers is noticeable in view of the larger number of vacancies which occurred.

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(c.) *Railway Employment.*

Railway employment.

81. As will be seen from the abstract of returns received from the various railway companies given below, the number of ex-soldiers employed by them is well maintained, and the men so employed appear to give satisfaction—a matter of great importance.

Returns have been received from the undermentioned railway companies, giving the number of ex-soldiers in their employment. The figures are as follows for the past two years and nine months:

Railway Company.	Number of ex-soldiers to whom employment was given during			Total number of ex-soldiers in the Company's service on 31st December, 1902, and 30th September, 1903 and 1904.		
	1902.	To 30th Sept., 1903.	1st Oct., 1903 to 30th Sept., 1904.	1902.	1903.	1904.
ENGLAND AND WALES.						
Midland	1,597	1,631	1,101	2,154	2,713	2,422
London and North Western	1,799	1,785	1,348	2,451	2,537	2,513
Lancashire and Yorkshire	586	506	460	639	682	733
South Eastern and Chatham	267	105	165	767	394	810
Great Western	526	768	714	1,947	2,125	2,380
Great Northern..	344	325	254	802	859	886
London and South Western	273	311	293	827	878	1,058
Great Eastern	338	293	287	720	858	1,110
London, Brighton, and South Coast ..	686	264	218	580	623	692
Great Central	391	310	242	No record.		
North Eastern	302	318	323	643	765	797
Cheshire Lines Committee	101	105	110	111	116	124
London and India Docks	246	264	217	312	362	371
London, Tilbury, and Southend ..	31	36	51	63	75	85
North London	20	42	25	172	180	167
Metropolitan	67	60	120	191	213	125
Manchester, South Junction, and Altrincham	7	5	4	19	21	18
North Staffordshire	61	28	9	64	62	58
Barry	21	8	8	42	49	62
Furness	15	9	11	30	30	24
Wrexham, Mold, and Connah's Quay	1	..	..	1	2	2
Rhondda and Swansea Bay	..	6	7	11	10	4
Maryport and Carlisle	..	..	..	2	2	2
Corris	..	2	1	..	2	..
Citadel Station Committee, Carlisle ..	..	3	..	..	6	..
Wirral	..	2	2	3	1	3
Metropolitan District	77	97	92	95	111	122
Total for England and Wales ..	7,756	7,283	6,092	12,646	13,676	14,568

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Railway Company.	Number of ex-soldiers to whom employment was given during			Total number of ex-soldiers in the Company's service on 31st December, 1902, and 30th September, 1903 and 1904.		
	1902.	To 30th Sept., 1903.	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.	1902.	1903.	1904.
SCOTLAND.						
Caledonian	412	365	374	297	332	302
North British	393	386	453	416	484	508
Glasgow and South Western	169	133	160	118	161	170
Dundee and Arbroath	13	16	8	10	16	23
Highland	19	23	18	28	49	72
Aberdeen Joint Passenger	2	2	3	2	2	2
Joint Committee General Station, Perth	8	5	3	9	6	8
Portpatrick and Wigtownshire ..	2	..	1	2	2	2
Total for Scotland	1,018	930	1,020	882	1,052	1,087
IRELAND.						
Great Northern	28	20	48	76	101	131
Great Southern and Western	25	106	159	16	159	203
Cork, Blackrock, and Passage	5	2	7	5	4	1
Midland Great Western	27	37	39	50	46	93
Listowel and Ballybunion	1	2	1	1	2	2
Cavan, Leitrim, and Roscommon Light Railway and Tramway Company ..	5	7	7	7	7	7
Total for Ireland	91	174	261	155	319	437
Grand Total	8,865	8,387	7,373	13,683	15,047	16,092

82. Letters from private employers and industrial concerns continue to be received in this office asking for ex-soldiers to fill situations; these are referred to the nearest employment agencies, which are likely to supply suitable candidates.

(d.) *Official Employment Registers.*

83. The subjoined table shows the result for the past five years and nine months of the working of the employment registers in regimental and other recruiting districts:— Official employment registers.

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Year.	Number registered for employment during the year.	Number for whom employment was found by means of the official registers during the year.				Percentage of men registered for whom employment was found.
		In the Post Office.	In other Government appointments.	In civilian firms, companies, &c.	Total for whom employment was found and accepted.	
1899	7,190	1,135	314	3,031	4,480	62·3
1900	1,774	300	118	850	1,268	71·5
1901	4,962	766	182	2,134	3,082	62·1
1902	17,127	1,395	199	9,183	10,777	62·9
1st Oct. 1903	12,576	1,416	193	8,184	9,793	77·8
1st Oct. 1904	12,988	1,461	187	7,269	8,917	68·6

It will be seen that no less than 68·6 per cent. of the men registered for employment have obtained work. This result must be considered satisfactory, in view of the dulness of trade throughout the country during the period under review.

(e.) *Voluntary Employment Societies.*

National Association.

84. During the past twelve months the head office of the "National Association" in London found employment for 1,426 ex-soldiers, as against 1,592 during the previous nine months.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society.

85. The Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society, at 122, Brompton Road, S.W., found employment for 863 men who left the service with not less than a "Good" character. It is pointed out that this number applies to their headquarter office only, the figures from their many branches throughout the Kingdom not being available.

Army and Navy Pensioners.

86. The "Army and Navy Pensioners' Employment Society" has procured situations for 2,110 ex-soldiers, and of these 738 situations were of a permanent character.

Guards' Agency.

87. The "Guards' Employment Society" has found situations for 270 men, showing a material increase for the year.

General Remarks as to Civil Employment.

General results.

88. The following table records the number who left the Colours with characters entitling them to registration for civil employment. The total number is shown for whom employment was found by means of official registers, the employment societies, and in departments under the War Office.

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It will be seen that 25,498 men returned to civil life during the year with satisfactory characters, and that 21,815 ex-soldiers have either been provided with employment or have had situations to go to.

Number discharged or transferred to the Reserve with	"Exemplary" characters		2,243
	"Very good" characters		11,554
	"Good" characters		11,701
	Total		25,498
Number of men for whom employment has been found	War Office Register (messengers, &c.)		91
	*Regimental District Registers (affiliated to National Association) ..		6,483
	National Association (London office only)		1,426
	Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society (London office only)		863
	Pensioners' Employment Society ..		738
	Guards' Employment Society ..		270
	Departments under the War Office: Army Clothing Department	3	1,463
	Works and Fortifications Department	56	
	Ordnance Factories ..	327	
	Barrack Wardens, Barrack Labourers ..	400	
	Army Ordnance Department	641	
	Clerks in War Office ..	36	
To these may be added	Men who are known to have themselves obtained employment ..		10,481
	General Total		21,815

* Of this number, employment was found for 742 men by the "National Association" branches, other than the London office, while temporary employment was found for 100 not included in above figures. These figures are only for the last six months of the period under review, the figures for the entire period not being available.

Concluding Remarks.

89. From the Annual Reports received from General Officers Commanding and Officers Commanding Regimental Districts, it is clear that there exists a considerable divergence of opinion as to whether the new rates of pay which have come into force have materially affected the recruiting market. In some districts the improvement made in the returns for the past year is directly attributed to the changes made in the pay of the soldier, and the fact that the improvement has begun to be well understood throughout the district. In other districts the improved pay is stated to have had no effect on the number of recruits offering.

Divergent opinions as to effect on recruiting of improved rates of pay.

It must be borne in mind, however, that nearly all the men who have extended their service have been sent out of the United Kingdom as drafts, and therefore the increase of pay which they have received is being spent abroad and not amongst their relations and friends at home.

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The same divergence of opinion is shown as regards the dress of the soldier, more especially with reference to the cap which he now wears.

Character on enlistment.

90. On one point, however, there is a unanimity of opinion, namely, that the regulation requiring a character from a recruit on enlistment has materially resulted in raising the tone of the Army, and popularising it among the better class of the population.

Physique.

91. Officers commanding recruiting areas are on the whole satisfied with the physique of recruits for the Regular Army, and state that the recruits for the Militia rapidly improve after a short time at the depôt. The behaviour of both classes at the depôts is described as satisfactory, there being practically no crime. The educational standard is not as satisfactory as it should be, several instances occurring where it is stated to be only described as "fair," while in several districts in Ireland it is "indifferent," and complaint is made of the number of illiterates.

Proposed appointment of medical inspectors.

92. Endeavours are being made to arrange for the appointment of a special medical inspector of recruits in each of the Commands in order to obtain uniformity in recruiting procedure, and to ensure co-ordination of standard requirements at all stations in each Command

Medical rejections.

93. Attention has been drawn in previous Reports to the number of rejections for medical reasons in the various recruiting districts. This percentage is as high as 34·39 per cent., and in addition to these numbers a large proportion are rejected by recruiters or recruiting officers for physical or medical reasons. In certain districts the rejections for teeth are very heavy.

The question of medical rejections is of great importance and requires serious consideration in view of the large number of recruits that must annually be obtained. It may be that when the new pay conditions are thoroughly understood, recruits of a higher social class and physical development may be attracted, but it is unsatisfactory that such a large number of lads should fail, for various reasons, to attain to the standard required for entrance into the Army, a standard which cannot be considered exacting.

In this connection the reports from many regimental districts show that a large number of recruits join the Militia solely with the intention of qualifying in physique for the Army. Service in the Militia and the Volunteers has in the past assisted in improving the physique of the working-classes, by the drill and training and the open air exercise thereby necessitated, and has done much to popularise the Service and this process will no doubt continue: it is further desirable that means should be provided by which the physique of the young lads from whom our recruits must be drawn may be not only maintained as at present, but improved.

Influences prejudicial to recruiting.

94. In some districts prejudice still exists against service in the Regular Army. This is shown in various ways. For example, influence is sometimes brought even from the pulpit against the work of the recruiter. In other cases exhibitions purporting to represent incidents in the life of a soldier are calculated to cast ridicule on His Majesty's Service. Such instances have been brought to notice and a circular was sent to General Officers Commanding, requesting them to instruct Commanding Officers to ascertain before in any way giving assistance to public entertainments that they contain nothing of a character likely to cast ridicule on His Majesty's uniform or give a false impression of the Service. It may be that the injury done by such exhibitions was not intentional, but its effect is none the less real.

Advertising.

95. The work of recruiting might be facilitated by the aid of Parliament. In the future it is probable that advertisement will be largely resorted to for recruiting, and may go far to supersede existing agencies.

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If provision were made that advertisements connected with the Army and the Navy must be exhibited in the case of the railways at each station on the line, considerable assistance would be given to the recruiting authorities, and the space occupied would be small. At present, in the case of the large railways, the whole of the advertising space at any station is let off to some large advertising contractor, and with the small sum voted for advertising for recruiting for the Army the cost of displaying advertisements at railway stations is prohibitive.

96. The importance of civil employment in attracting young men of a higher social class to the Colours is laid stress on by several officers commanding regimental districts. In connection with this subject it will be observed that only nine appointments have been filled during the year in Government Offices outside the War Office, while the number of ex-soldiers employed in Departments under Government shows a material diminution. This question is not a new one, but it will not be satisfactorily solved, until seriously taken in hand by Parliament. It is of vital importance for recruiting and for the attraction of a better class of recruit that employment shall be secured to deserving soldiers on leaving the Colours. Civil employment.

In view of these facts it may be hoped that instructions will be issued that vacancies in Government Departments shall be filled by suitable ex-soldiers if possible, and only from outside sources when no suitable military candidate is forthcoming.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

H. G. MILES,

Major-General,

Director of Recruiting and Organization.

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APPENDIX A.

RETURN showing the number of Recruits raised for the Regular Army, with the percentage of Infantry Recruits who joined the Territorial Regiment of the Regimental District, and for the Militia, by agencies under the orders of the Officer Commanding each Regimental District, Militia and Volunteer Artillery District, Engineer District, and Recruiting District, during the 12 months ended 30th September, 1904. Also the number of Recruits raised for the Regular Army during the last four years and nine months, and the number of men in each Territorial Regiment on 1st October, 1904, who were born in the Regimental District.

Recruiting Area and Headquarters of Districts.	Regular Army.						Militia.	Finally approved for the Regular Army during the past five years.					Number in Territorial Regiment on 1st Oct., 1904, born in the Regimental District.
	For the territorial regiment of the district.	For other Infantry.	For other corps.	Total.	Percentage of Infantry recruits who joined the territorial regiment of the district.	Percentage of recruits who were discharged for medical disability within three months from date of enlistment.		1900.	1901.	1902.	1903 (9 mths.)	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.	
Militia and Vol. Arty., Scarborough ..	..	29	55	84	..	1·19	32	121	112	105	81	84	..
5th Regtl. Dist., Newcastle	184	91	78	353	66·90	2·34	468	521	359	475	154	353	400
68th " Newcastle	318	183	116	617	63·47		963	745	712	656	461	617	823
10th " Lincoln	162	27	80	269	85·71	2·60	296	495	378	314	229	269	867
14th " York	121	73	66	260	62·37	1·92	150	283	259	250	176	260	1,125
15th " Beverley	129	95	81	305	57·58	1·63	132	530	395	314	270	305	332
17th " Leicester	339	88	60	487	79·39	1·84	398	601	539	546	374	487	1,143
19th " Richmond	141	40	46	227	78·69	0·88	228	188	174	228	128	227	542
33rd " Halifax	204	312	106	622	39·53	2·25	614	741	801	829	464	622	645
45th " Derby	489	351	277	1,117	58·21	2·59	576	607	884	754	433	1,117	1,187
51st " Pontefract	97	117	53	267	45·32	1·59	279	366	262	329	159	267	1,339
65th " Pontefract	70	62	39	171	53·03		133	114	219	196	93	171	1,386
Leeds Recruiting District	..	308	119	427	..	2·57	786	516	431	512	364	427	..
Sheffield Recruiting District	..	293	136	429	..	3·26	528	526	538	641	501	429	..
York Engineer District	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total (N.E. District)	2,254	2,069	1,312	5,635	61·03	2·25	5,583	6,354	6,063	6,149	3,887	5,635	9,789

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Militia and Vol. Arty., Seaforth.. ..	..	136	49	185	..	7·02	253	266	230	304	198	185	..
4th Regtl. Dist., Lancaster	91	116	43	250	43·96	5·2	180	316	206	262	151	250	83
6th „ Warwick	320	73	108	501	81·42	4·39	100	207	267	429	280	501	2,148
8th „ Warrington	123	71	36	230	63·40	2·88	137	247	299	238	178	230	675
40th „ Warrington	98	78	27	203	55·68		162	235	219	295	155	203	702
20th „ Bury	227	55	22	304	80·49	5·92	380	386	324	665	285	304	764
22nd „ Chester	339	365	309	1,013	48·15	3·93	550	415	695	923	464	1,013	817
23rd „ Wrexham	78	12	21	111	86·66	1·80	147	120	82	104	41	111	298
29th „ Worcester	325	23	34	382	93·39	3·66	168	379	271	580	413	382	1,328
30th „ Preston	97	187	49	333	34·15	3·77	472	603	584	799	388	333	657
47th „ Preston	134	193	81	408	40·97		321	610	746	768	285	408	813
34th „ Carlisle	58	29	35	122	66·66	3·27	193	183	194	250	40	122	325
38th „ Lichfield	189	195	60	444	49·21	1·17	324	474	417	426	194	444	1,409
64th „ Lichfield	191	147	67	405	56·50		416	638	547	421	214	405	1,246
53rd „ Shrewsbury	164	62	61	287	72·56	2·09	223	231	253	258	194	287	694
63rd „ Ashton-under-Lyne..	551	44	8	603	92·64	6·46	519	265	349	547	467	603	1,827
Liverpool Recruiting District	..	448	213	661	..	2·56	1,229	724	1,289	1,301	630	661	..
Manchester Recruiting District	..	1,128	250	1,378	..	4·42	1,600	1,556	1,383	1,752	1,258	1,378	..
Birmingham Recruiting District ..	..	1,050	336	1,386	..	2·02	1,254	1,637	1,226	1,836	795	1,386	..
Chester Engineer District	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total (N.W. District) ..	2,985	4,412	1,809	9,206	64·40	3·55	8,628	9,492	9,581	12,158	6,630	9,206	13,786
Militia and Vol. Arty., Yarmouth ..	..	43	74	117	..	0·85	134	174	102	117	70	117	..
9th Regtl. District, Norwich	291	124	178	593	70·12	1·85	492	336	360	542	326	593	1,425
12th „ Bury St. Edmunds..	254	226	349	829	52·91	1·44	855	776	551	777	520	829	1,741
16th „ Bedford	192	77	94	363	71·37	2·75	785	293	406	379	273	363	1,199
44th „ Warley	329	282	260	871	53·84	1·95	452	383	474	586	626	871	1,280
48th „ Northampton ..	202	124	82	408	61·96	0·97	207	345	422	408	300	408	665
Colchester Engineer District	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total (E. District)	1,268	876	1,037	3,181	60·35	1·72	2,925	2,307	2,315	2,809	2,115	3,181	6,310
Militia and Vol. Arty., Dover	..	140	278	418	..	1·67	80	450	254	333	245	418	..
3rd Regtl. Dist., Canterbury	206	95	248	549	68·43	2·00	302	464	498	478	275	549	744
35th „ Chichester	315	122	229	666	72·08	1·80	325	606	489	664	449	666	1,665
Total (S.E. District).. ..	521	357	755	1,633	70·59	1·83	707	1,520	1,241	1,475	969	1,633	2,409

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APPENDIX A—*continued.*

Recruiting Area and Headquarters of Districts.	Regular Army.						Militia.	Finally approved for the Regular Army during the past five years.					Number in Territorial Regiment on 1st Oct., 1904, born in the Regimental District.
	For the territorial regiment of the district.	For other Infantry.	For other corps.	Total.	Percentage of Infantry recruits who joined the territorial regiment of the district.	Percentage of recruits who were discharged medical disability within three months from date of enlistment.		1900.	1901.	1902.	1903. (9 mths.)	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.	
50th Regtl. Dist., Maidstone	187	24	112	323	88·62	4·64	87	314	243	373	251	323	1,109
Chatham (S.M.E.)	..	1	76	77	..	..	4	167	189	90	44	77	..
Total (Thames District) ..	187	25	188	400	88·62	3·75	91	481	432	463	295	400	1,109
2nd Regtl. Dist., Guildford	207	44	82	333	82·47	2·10	128	382	415	432	149	333	947
7th " Hounslow.. ..	180	190	55	425	48·36	3·75	241	563	567	462	249	425	2,454
57th " Hounslow.. ..	151	80	37	268	65·21		107	560	514	349	187	268	2,353
31st " Kingston	214	161	49	424	57·06	1·88	390	141	103	175	158	424	864
43rd " Oxford	112	39	60	211	74·16	0·47	282	309	292	254	146	211	1,167
49th " Reading	377	63	100	540	85·71	1·85	232	362	377	383	258	540	932
London Recruiting District	..	3,279	1,345	4,624	..	2·81	4,452	10,056	7,869	8,332	4,205	4,624	..
Total (Home District) ..	1,241	3,856	1,728	6,825	68·22	2·66	5,832	12,373	10,137	10,387	5,352	6,825	8,717
Woolwich Recruiting District.. ..	..	672	692	1,364	..	3·36	685	879	1,359	1,501	1,041	1,364	..
Total (Woolwich District) ..	..	672	692	1,364	..	3·36	685	879	1,359	1,501	1,041	1,364	..

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Militia and Volunteer Artillery, Gosport	..	2	24	26	..	11·53	1	51	25	28	15	26	..
37th Regtl. Dist., Winchester.. ..	330	131	338	799	71·58	2·62	339	1,018	978	1,012	532	799	1,228
39th „ Dorchester	114	31	111	256	78·62	3·12	128	237	224	338	126	256	510
62nd „ Devizes	384	16	95	495	96·00	·42	302	254	275	309	234	495	1,214
Portsmouth Engineer District	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total (Southern District).. ..	828	180	568	1,576	82·30	2·09	770	1,560	1,502	1,687	907	1,576	2,952
Militia and Volunteer Artillery, Devonport	..	16	120	136	..	4·41	33	191	158	227	145	136	..
11th Regtl. Dist., Exeter	227	18	80	325	92·65	1·53	327	285	254	366	220	325	1,239
13th „ Taunton	162	50	114	326	76·41	1·22	173	369	382	432	298	326	957
32nd „ Bodmin	44	7	33	84	86·53	7·14	177	106	82	65	58	84	192
24th „ Brecon	245	143	85	473	63·14	2·96	593	219	265	468	257	473	627
28th „ Bristol	375	191	230	796	66·25	1·38	625	724	482	789	399	796	1,720
41st „ Cardiff	226	269	198	693	45·65	5·19	1,850	724	904	1,685	715	693	396
Devonport Engineer District	..	..	15	15	..	..	17	32	..	36	13	15	..
Total (Western District)	1,279	694	875	2,848	65·35	2·87	3,795	2,650	2,527	4,068	2,105	2,848	5,131
„ English and Welsh Districts	10,563	13,141	8,964	32,668	64·75	2·74	29,016	37,616	35,157	40,697	23,301	32,668	50,203
1st Regtl. Dist., Glencorse	116	52	58	226	69·04	1·32	244	198	158	121	97	226	469
21st „ Ayr	65	70	25	160	48·14	5·00	155	135	150	138	71	160	156
25th „ Berwick	114	31	18	163	78·62	1·84	201	122	103	165	110	163	245
26th „ Hamilton	98	144	57	299	40·49	1·72	199	161	173	491	198	299	397
71st „ Hamilton	109	71	42	222	60·55		209	410	272	395	130	222	522
Glasgow Recruiting District	..	566	262	828	..	1·81	675	1,584	1,572	1,377	626	828	..
Edinburgh Recruiting District	..	565	283	848	..	2·59	515	1,162	1,248	1,176	404	848	..
42nd Regtl. Dist., Perth	334	239	124	697	58·28	2·86	706	749	775	786	395	697	1,043
72nd „ Fort George ..	66	2	11	79	97·05	..	218	126	70	104	40	79	332
75th „ Aberdeen	115	78	26	219	59·58	2·17	131	226	226	225	140	219	755
79th „ Inverness	56	13	23	92	81·15	3·19	161	90	47	44	48	92	156
91st „ Stirling	181	107	38	326	62·84	3·06	528	360	370	341	173	326	327
Edinburgh Engineer District	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total (Scottish Districts).. ..	1,254	1,938	967	4,159	60·84	2·33	3,942	5,323	5,164	5,363	2,432	4,159	4,402

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APPENDIX —*continued.*

Recruiting Area and Headquarters of Districts.	Regular Army.						Militia.	Finally approved for the Regular Army during the past five years.					Number in Territorial Regiment on 1st Oct., 1904, born in Regimental District.
	For the territorial regiment of the district.	For other Infantry.	For other corps.	Total.	Percentage of Infantry recruits who joined the territorial regiment of the district.	Percentage of recruits who were discharged for medical disability within three months from date of enlistment.		1900.	1901.	1902.	1903. (9 mths.)	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.	
Militia Artillery, Londonderry ..	..	50	35	85	..	1·17	92	76	43	45	70	85	..
27th Regtl. Dist., Omagh	111	4	36	151	96·52	1·32	219	154	154	197	94	151	549
83rd „ Belfast	206	253	161	620	44·88	1·61	1,136	1,188	748	798	443	620	925
87th „ Armagh	186	61	50	297	75·30	2·69	337	153	153	273	192	297	455
Total (Belfast District)	503	368	282	1,153	61·26	1·82	1,784	1,571	1,098	1,313	799	1,153	1,929
Dublin Recruiting District	..	524	345	869	.	2·41	1,267	1,054	1,209	1,232	641	869	...
88th Regtl. Dist., Galway	122	21	46	189	85·31	2·64	332	125	169	177	196	189	921
100th „ Birr..	102	97	79	278	51·25	2·51	456	137	219	347	176	278	488
102nd „ Naas	117	43	29	189	73·12	2·11	164	188	165	230	141	189	1,144
Total (Dublin District)	341	685	499	1,525	67·92	2·50	2,219	1,504	1,762	1,986	1,154	1,525	2,553
Militia Artillery, Cork	..	126	133	259	..	5·79	110	230	225	464	188	259	..
18th Regtl. Dist., Clonmel	125	105	87	317	54·34	5·04	570	297	310	473	228	317	940
101st „ Tralee	126	116	108	350	52·06	1·71	872	438	383	455	283	350	1,502
Total (Cork Dstrict)	251	347	328	926	53·17	3·99	1,552	965	918	1,392	699	926	2,442
„ Irish Districts	1,095	1,400	1,109	3,604	61·00	2·63	5,555	4,040	3,778	4,691	2,652	3,604	6,924

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English Districts	10,014	12,717	8,660	31,391	65·94	2·68	26,426	36,553	33,906	38,440	22,288	31,391	48,882
Welsh "	549	424	304	1,277	56·42	4·07	2,590	1,063	1,251	2,257	1,013	1,277	1,321
Scottish "	1,254	1,938	967	4,159	60·84	2·33	3,942	5,323	5,164	5,363	2,432	4,159	4,402
Irish "	1,095	1,400	1,109	3,604	61·00	2·63	5,555	4,040	3,778	4,691	2,652	3,604	6,924
Total	12,912	16,479	11,040	40,431	64·51	2·69	38,513	46,979	44,099	50,751	28,385	40,431	61,529

N.B.—The above does not include recruits raised at the headquarters of regiments, battalions, batteries, and embodied Militia units stationed outside their Territorial District.

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APPENDIX C.

STATE of the Army (Non-commissioned Officers and Men) on the 1st January or 1st October of each year, from 1900 to 1904.

	On 1st Jan. 1900.	On 1st Jan. 1901.	On 1st Jan. 1902.	On 1st Jan. 1903.	On 1st Oct. 1903.	On 1st Oct. 1904.
Total Effectives	290,914	406,443	383,462	311,386	279,303	274,774
Establishments	280,954	357,211	357,405	292,877	274,074	267,618
Supernumerary	9,960	49,232	26,057	18,509	5,229	7,156
Wanting to complete ..	..	..	..	..	..	..

INCREASE and Decrease of the Army during the last four years and nine months.

INCREASE.	During 1900.	During 1901.	During 1902.	During first 9 months of 1903.	During 12 months ended 30th Sept., 1904.
Recruits joined	98,361	75,651	65,040	31,026	42,642
From Militia Reserve..	11,437	1	23	5	—
Other causes	—	—	—	3,496	—
Total increase	109,798†	75,652	65,063	34,527	42,642
WASTE (exclusive of transfers to the Reserve).					
Deaths	10,153	5,969	3,896	1,560	1,699
Desertion (net loss)	3,940	4,997	4,311	2,412	1,286
Given up as deserters..	112	108	89	65	44
Discharged—					
Purchase, and free by indulgence	663	909	5,150	4,489	3,333
Invalids	5,927	9,614	8,869	4,074	4,973
Completion of engagement ..	1,024	19,193	32,290	6,794	6,063
Misconduct	2,145	2,521	2,903	2,972	3,656
Other causes	5,410	38,586*	30,878*	5,869	3,382
	15,169	70,823	80,090	24,198	21,407
To Militia Reserve	—	2,486	7,053	6	—
To Militia, Yeomanry, and Volunteers	1,211	883	679	714	817
Other causes	324	13,751	5,442	—	5,062
Total waste (exclusive of transfers to the Reserve)	30,909	99,017	101,560	28,955	30,315

* Mainly men who had been enlisted for short service during the war.
† Exclusive of 20,978 Native Indian Troops brought on Imperial Establishment.

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APPENDIX C—*continued.*

INCREASE and Decrease of the Army during the last Four Years and Nine Months—*continued.*

	During 1900.	During 1901.	During 1902.	During first 9 months of 1903.	During 12 months ended 30th Sept., 1904.
WASTE (by transfer to the Reserve).					
On completion of service	63	359	18,781	26,340	15,205
Onl conversion of service	2,951	360	355	1,412	1,956
Relegated (after irregularly re-enlisting)	41	85	137	54	66
On demobilisation	—	—	17,559	10,340	28
	3,055	804	36,832	38,146	17,255
Re-transfers from the Reserve ..	18,717	1,188	1,253	491	399
Total waste (by transfer to the Reserve)	+ 15,662	+ 384	− 35,579	− 37,655	− 16,856
NET GAIN OR LOSS.					
Without deducting transfers to the Reserve	+ 78,889	− 23,365	− 36,497	+ 5,572	+ 12,327
Deducting transfers to the Reserve ..	+ 94,551	− 22,981	− 72,076	− 32,083	− 4,529

APPENDIX D is printed as Table 1 of Part X, *see* p. 107.

For APPENDIX E are substituted the Increase and Decrease Tables for the Militia and Reserve Division in Part XI, *see* pp. 117 and 119.

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PART III—*continued*—TABLES.

Table 1.—Recruiting.—The numbers rejected, attested, and finally approved, at home, during each quarter of the twelve months ending 30th September, 1904, showing the agencies by which, and the countries in which, the men finally approved were raised.

Quarters ended.	Recruiting Report.								Agencies by which Men Finally Approved were Raised.													Where Men Finally Approved were Raised.		
	Rejected before Attestation.		Attested.	Rejected after Attestation.		Before final approval.		Finally Approved.	Head Quarters of Units.	Infantry Regimental Districts.					Artillery Agencies.*	Engineer Agencies.†	Recruiting Districts under Recruiting Staff Officers.					England and Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.
	By Recruiters.	By Medical Officers.		By Medical Officers.	By Approving Officers.	Deserted.	Other losses.			Paid Recruiters.	Special Paid Recruiters.	Paid Pensioners.	Ordinary Recruiters.	Total.			Paid Recruiters.	Special Paid Recruiters.	Paid Pensioners.	Ordinary Recruiters.	Total.			
31st December, 1903	3,906	3,781	13,299	1,070	582	174	72	11,401	489	1,418	228	1,617	3,679	6,942	327	18	688	460	1,430	1,047	3,625	9,166	1,120	1,115
31st March, 1904	6,827	4,641	15,293	1,276	762	104	63	12,998	465	1,508	383	1,692	4,678	8,261	446	31	728	396	1,472	1,199	3,795	10,594	1,304	1,100
30th June, 1904	6,043	3,469	9,071	675	452	164	91	7,689	310	705	271	982	2,779	4,737	270	24	395	315	852	786	2,348	6,396	720	573
30th September, 1904	7,194	4,451	11,849	964	681	161	90	9,953	346	1,073	350	1,163	3,689	6,275	267	19	634	363	1,106	943	3,046	8,030	1,022	901
Total for 12 months ...	23,970	16,342	49,512	3,985	2,477	693	316	42,041	1,610	4,704	1,232	5,454	14,825	26,215	1,310	92	2,445	1,534	4,860	3,975	12,814	34,186	4,166	3,689

* Under Officers Commanding Militia and Volunteer Artillery Districts.

† Under Commanding Royal Engineers of Districts.

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TABLE 2.—AVERAGE HEIGHTS, CHEST MEASUREMENTS and WEIGHTS of RECRUITS (excluding those for Colonial Corps) who were re-measured after completing 6 months' service and a Gymnastic Course during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1904, as compared with the average measurements of the same men on enlistment.

—	Number of Men Re-measured.	Average Heights.		Average Chest Measurements.		Average Weights.	
		On Enlistment.	After Gymnastic course and 6 months' Service.	On Enlistment.	After Gymnastic course and 6 months' service.	On Enlistment.	After Gymnastic course and 6 months' service.
		ft. in.	ft. in.	inches.	inches	lbs.	lbs.
Household Cavalry ..	55	6 0·14	6 0·24	36·28	37·44	149·63	156·72
Cavalry of the Line ..	267	5 6·21	5 6·85	34·52	35·32	128·11	137·96
Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	2,048	5 7·3	5 7·6	36·19	36·64	130·04	142·02
Royal Garrison Artillery	1,724	5 8·7	5 9·8	36·55	37·10	136·66	147·70
Royal Engineers.. ..	281	5 7·64	5 8·15	34·15	34·54	137·41	142·42
Foot Guards	1,232	5 8·81	5 9·57	36·11	36·78	141·91	151·88
Infantry of the Line ..	15,598	5 5·15	5 6·0	33·70	34·07	122·95	131·48
Army Service Corps ..	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Royal Army Medical Corps.	48	5 5·0	5 6·0	34·0	35·16	120·0	135·33
Army Ordnance Corps ..	63	5 6·25	5 7·0	33·50	33·29	126·35	135·43

* Recruits not re-measured.

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TABLE 3.—NUMBER of RECRUITS taken on the strength of Corps at Home during each year from 1895, showing the numbers who became Non-effective from various causes within Three Months of the Date of Enlistment.

Years.	Number of Recruits joined at Home.	Casualties within three months of Date of Enlistment.								Total serving at the expiration of Three Months from Date of Enlistment.	Proportion of casualties per 1,000 recruits joined.
		Died.	Deserted and not rejoined within 3 months of Enlistment.	Claimed Discharge under sec. 81, Army Act.	Discharged for Fraudulent Enlistment or for making false answers on attestation.	Discharged as Invalids.	Discharged as not likely to become efficient Soldiers.	Discharged for other causes.	Total.		
1895	28,865	13	561	905	184	21	294	361	2,339	26,526	81·04
1896	27,670	14	553	996	218	36	344	383	2,544	25,126	91·94
1897	33,475	19	737	1,225	186	66	448	543	3,224	30,251	96·31
1898	38,279	19	906	1,668	220	74	288	660	3,835	34,444	100·19
1899*	32,143	33	827	1,038†	167	43	341	656	3,105	29,038	*
1900*	44,685	70	1,499	24†	175	70	391	873	3,102	41,583	*
1901*	41,532	28	1,752	26†	252	68	651	1,108	3,885	37,647	*
1902	50,749	31	1,703	933†	221	103	1,279	1,359	5,629	45,120	110·92
1903 (1st Jan. to 30th Sept.)	29,130‡	12‡	605‡	590‡	122‡	50‡	595‡	650‡	2,624‡	26,506‡	90·08
1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904	41,008	14	511	766	170	33	968	906	3,368	37,640	82·13
Proportion per 1,000 of recruits joined at home between 1st Oct., 1903, and 30th Sept., 1904	—	·34	12·46	18·68	4·15	·80	23·61	22·09	82·13	917·87	—

* The numbers for these years are incomplete. † Discharges by purchase were suspended during the South African war, October, 1899—May 1902.

‡ Figures for nine months only.

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TABLE 4.—NUMBER OF RECRUITS WHO JOINED THE REGULAR ARMY IN EACH YEAR FROM 1895.

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TABLE 4.—NUMBER of RECRUITS and Re-enlisted Men who joined in each Arm for long and

—	1895.		1896.		1897.		1898.	
	Long.	Short.	Long.	Short.	Long.	Short.	Long.	Short.
Household Cavalry	131	—	195	—	150	—	121	—
Cavalry of the Line	74	2,313	77	2,692	85	2,341	102	3,676
Royal Horse and Field Artillery ... / Royal Garrison Artillery	250	4,302	166	4,267	181	6,176	263	6,270
Royal Engineers	80	835	69	853	86	731	105	951
Foot Guards	42	1,131	36	1,227	67	1,995	91	2,192
Infantry of the Line	780	18,373	798	16,148	864	20,173	901	22,537
Colonial Corps	402	122	253	470	485	808	820	1,491
Army Service Corps	13	368	21	591	23	499	25	441
Royal Army Medical Corps	10	255	11	361	11	238	11	511
Army Ordnance Corps	27	66	12	58	33	63	46	133
Army Post Office Corps...	—	9	—	17	—	6	—	9
All Arms	1,809	27,774	1,638	26,894	1,985	33,030	2,485	38,244
	29,583		28,532		35,015		40,729	

N.B.—The terms of enlistment on 1st October, 1904, were, for Long Service 12 years with the colours, and for short service (with certain exceptions) 3 years with the colours and 9 in the reserve. The following are the exceptions—Household Cavalry 8 years with the colours and 4 in the reserve; Drivers of the Army Service Corps, 2 years with the colours and 10 in the reserve; Railway, Telegraph and Submarine Mining Reserve of the Royal Engineers, and Army Post Office Corps, 3 years with the colours and 3 in the reserve. Short Service in the Royal Malta Artillery is for 7 years with the colours and 5 in the reserve, and in other Colonial Corps for periods of 3 and 5 years with the colours and no reserve service.

The following notes show the alterations in the terms of enlistment since the introduction of short service. The Army Enlistment Act of 1870, under which recruiting for short service was first authorised, was promulgated by Army Circular dated 10th August, 1870.

General Order 31 of 1874 defined the proportions in which recruits for long and short service respectively were permitted to be enlisted for the several arms of the service.

Under General Orders 51 of 1874 and 53 of 1875 recruits for the Royal Artillery and Foot Guards were permitted to be enlisted for long and short service indiscriminately.

Under Army Circulars 1874 (Cl. 67) short service in the Cavalry, Artillery, and Engineers consisted of 8 years with the colours and 4 years with the reserve, and in the Infantry and Army Service Corps of 6 years with the colours and 6 years with the reserve.

Under General Order 18 of 1878 all enlistments for Infantry of the Line, except men specially enlisted and boys under 16 years of age, were to be for short service.

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the Regular Army in each year from 1895, showing those who enlisted short service respectively.

1899.		1900.		1901.		1902.		1st Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903.		1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.	
Long.	Short.	Long.	Short.	Long.	Short.	Long.	Short.	Long.	Short.	Long.	Short.
145	—	312	—	201	—	149	—	49*	1*	25	89
88	4,705	84	6,718	112	6,253	127	6,051	97*	261*	99	392
194	3,811	307	6,912	163	6,674	169	8,362	224*	2,198*	211	2,142
195	2,952	122	2,919	152	2,699	164	3,318	138*	2,784*	173	3,672
73	1,329	125	2,055	130	1,680	98	1,475	42*	723*	75	1,037
51	2,104	53	2,412	82	2,216	59	1,775	68*	1,076*	99	1,897
805	21,936	964	21,536	976	21,172	896	25,498	731*	20,553*	974	29,337
423	2,070	593	967	281	1,601	423	501	27*	479*	55	737
52	905	62	1,748	95	1,008	167	1,129	125*	602*	67	1,088
11	570	30	745	20	1,068	10	969	—	717*	16	282
56	117	48	313	73	383	55	282	50*	81*	74	101
—	68	—	235	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2,093	40,567	2,700	46,560	2,285	44,754	2,317	49,360	1,551*	29,475*	1,868	40,774
42,660		49,260		47,039		51,677		31,026*		42,642	

Under General Order 80 of 1881 short service consisted of 7 years with the colours and 5 years with the reserve. This Order also defines the class of, and corps for which, men were to be enlisted for long service.

Under General Order 90 of 1883 short service in the Foot Guards consisted of 3 years with the colours and 9 years with the reserve.

Under General Order 66 of 1887 short service in the Royal Engineers consisted of 7 years with the colours and 5 years in the reserve, or 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve; and in the Army Service Corps and Medical Staff Corps of 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve.

Under Army Order 254 of 1890 short service in the Foot Guards consisted of 7 years with the colours and 5 years in the reserve, or 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve.

Under Army Order 11 of 1891 short service in the Medical Staff Corps consisted of 7 years with the colours and 5 years in the reserve, or 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve.

Under Army Order 60 of 1898 short service recruits for the Infantry of the Line were permitted to be enlisted to a limited extent for 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve.

Under Army Order 73 of 1902 short service in Cavalry of the Line, Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, Foot Guards, Infantry of the Line, Army Service Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps, and Army Ordnance Corps consists of 3 years with the colours and 9 in the reserve.

From 1st February, 1903, drivers for the Army Service Corps were enlisted for 2 years with the colours and 10 years in the reserve (Army Order 31 of 1903).

From 15th December, 1903, short service recruits were enlisted for the Household Cavalry, the term being 8 years with the colours and 4 in the reserve (Army Order 209 of 1903).

* Figures for 9 months only.

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TABLE 5.—AGES on attestation of the RECRUITS taken on the strength of the Regular Army in each Year from 1895 (including Colonial Corps and re-enlisted men).

Year.	Under 17 years.	17 and under 18 years.	18 and under 19 years.	19 and under 20 years.	20 and under 21 years.	21 and under 22 years.	22 and under 23 years.	23 and under 24 years.	24 and under 25 years.	25 years and upwards.	Not reported	Total.
1895	1,269	87	12,918	6,092	3,129	2,378	1,737	1,030	792	133	18	29,583
1896	1,204	90	12,486	6,336	3,061	2,043	1,468	953	706	155	30	28,532
1897	1,367	189	16,083	7,405	3,544	2,514	1,733	1,054	765	206	174	35,034
1898	1,530	212	17,362	8,538	4,242	2,738	2,162	1,313	950	193	1,461	40,701
1899*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42,660
1900*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	49,260
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	47,039
1902	1,593	604	21,066	9,652	5,906	3,893	2,978	1,750	1,498	764	1,973	51,677
1st Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903 ..	1,499†	156†	13,127†	5,852†	3,335†	2,160†	1,450†	1,099†	952†	1,338†	58†	31,026†
1st Oct., 1903 to 30th Sept., 1904	1,789	132	19,567	7,955	4,373	2,848	2,098	1,590	1,384	906	—	42,642

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War. † Figures for 9 months only.

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TABLE 1.—RE-ENGAGEMENTS and EXTENSIONS of SERVICE of Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the several arms during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1904.

—	Re-engagements, to complete 21 years with the colours.					Men enlisted for short service who extended their engagement with the colours. To complete 8 years.								To complete 12 years.								
	Past Services of men.					Past services of men.								Past services of men.								
	9 to 10 years.	10 to 11 years.	11 to 12 years.	Over 12 years.	Total.	Under 1 year	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 6 years.	Over 6 years.	Total.	Under 1 year	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 6 years.	6 to 7 years.	Over 7 years.	Total.
Household Cavalry	9	6	26	—	41	—	—	1	3	1	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line	19	43	172	28	262	24	377	2,303	2,462	2,018	866	557	8,607	—	3	17	28	26	43	73	133	323
Royal Horse and Field Artillery...	48	68	364	80	560	185	584	2,934	2,884	3,135	1,350	1,342	12,414	1	12	15	24	62	50	228	191	583
Royal Garrison Artillery	67	88	346	41	542	201	447	1,472	1,454	1,581	1,157	1,170	7,482	—	—	4	10	28	59	264	307	672
Royal Engineers	62	44	126	24	256	154	410	1,006	950	681	330	200	3,731	—	—	—	7	27	45	85	71	235
Foot Guards	4	12	61	6	83	159	114	276	292	157	83	70	1,151	2	—	3	3	7	15	48	5	83
Infantry of the Line	279	351	2,450	346	3,426	1,335	2,357	8,538	8,882	10,231	7,683	8 956	47,982	18	40	69	102	133	250	963	1,045	2,620
Colonial Corps	2	1	41	12	56	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	8	9	16	35
Army Service Corps...	19	20	97	29	165	100	140	417	177	73	48	51	1,006	—	—	—	7	17	25	60	71	180
Royal Army Medical Corps ...	14	15	81	4	114	55	178	379	206	191	112	49	1,170	—	—	—	3	13	16	47	12	91
Army Ordnance Corps	13	14	47	3	77	24	48	199	195	67	33	22	588	—	—	—	3	10	4	28	8	53
Army Pay Corps	20	18	10	2	50	—	7	43	48	34	17	9	158	—	—	2	22	28	23	34	9	118
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	2	4	2	1	14	—	—	2	1	1	1	—	—	5
All Arms	556	680	3,821	575	5,632	2,237	4,662	17,573	17,555	18,173	11,681	12,427	*84308	21	55	112	210	354	539	1,839	1,868	4,998

In addition to the numbers shown above, 332 of the Royal Garrison Regiment extended their service to complete 3 years, 859 to complete 4 years, and 550 to complete periods of from 5 to 7 years' service.

* This large number is due to the effect of "service pay." This came into operation on 1st April, 1904, and can be drawn by men of two years' service on condition that they are serving on an engagement (extended or otherwise) of not less than eight years with the colours. The greater portion of the extensions have been among men who were serving on a seven years' colour engagement.

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TABLE 2.—RE-ENGAGEMENTS and Extensions of Service of Non-Commissioned Officers and men on the regimental strength of the several arms in each year from 1895.

Year.	Re-engagements to complete 21 years with the Colours.				Men enlisted for short service who extended their engagement.		Year.
	After 9 years' service.	After 10 years' service.	After 11 years' service.	Total.	To complete a period of 12 years.	To complete periods of less than 12 years.	
1895..	464	430	2,053	2,947	3,571	657(*a*)	1895
1896..	458	499	2,044	3,001	3,628	592(*b*)	1896
1897..	391	409	1,945	2,745	3,064	740(*c*)	1897
1898..	454	477	2,050	2,981	§3,232	§1,574(*d*)	1898
1899*	376*	415*	1,401*	2,192*	2,562*	739(*e*)*	1899*
1900*	—	—	—	—	—	—	1900*
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	1901*
1902*	—	—	—	—	—	—	1902*
1903 (9 months)	267†	369†	2,485†	3,121†	3,107†	2,795(*f*)†	1903 (9 months)
1st Oct. 1903 to 30th Sept., 1904	556	680	4,396	5,632	4,998	84,308(*g*)	1st Oct., 1903 to 30th Sept., 1904

§ A gratuity authorised to men of Foot Guards to extend their service with the Colours (Army Orders 1 and 36, of 1898).

(*a*) Including 133 special extensions (with bounty) abroad.
(*b*) Including 70 special extensions (with bounty) abroad.
(*c*) Including 283 special extensions (with bounty) abroad.
(*d*) Including 552 special extensions (with bounty) abroad, and 198 extensions for two years under Army Order 23, of 1898.
(*e*) Including 55 special extensions (with bounty) abroad.
(*f*) Excluding 1,753 extensions in the Royal Garrison Regiment to complete 3, 4, or 5 years.
(*g*) This large number is due to the effect of "service pay." This came into operation on 1st April, 1904, and can be drawn by men of two years' service on condition that they are serving on an engagement (extended or otherwise) of not less than eight years with the Colours. The greater portion of the extensions have been among men who were serving on a 7 years' colour engagement. This number is exclusive of 1,741 extensions in the Royal Garrison Regiment to complete periods of from 3 to 7 years.

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

† Figures for 9 months only.

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RE-ENGAGEMENTS, EXTENSIONS, PENSIONS, AND DESERTIONS.

TABLE 3.—THE NUMBER of PENSIONS granted during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1904, and the number of Men discharged from the regimental strength of each arm of the Service.

—	* Total Number of Men Discharged from the Colours.	Pensions granted.			
		Permanent.			Temporary.
		To men discharged from Regular Forces.	To men discharged from Permanent Staff of Auxiliary Forces, Unattached List, &c.	Total.	
Household Cavalry	150	35	2	37	9
Cavalry of the Line	1,523	137	18	155	290
Royal Horse and Field Artillery ..	1,911	160	3	163	252
Royal Garrison Artillery.. ..	1,322	164	54	218	192
Royal Engineers	614	135	10	145	47
Foot Guards	756	34	3	37	70
Infantry of the Line	13,280	985	350	1,335	1,940
Colonial Corps	1,003	30	—	30	63
Army Service Corps	397	65	—	65	20
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	301	31	—	31	25
Army Ordnance Corps	120	39	—	39	5
Army Pay Corps	30	23	—	23	—
Army Post Office Corps	—	—	—	—	1
All Arms.. ..	* 21,407	1,838	440	2,278	2,914

In addition to the above the following men, discharged from other than regimental establishments, were granted permanent pensions:—

Military Prison Staff	1	6
Corps of Army Schoolmasters	2	
School of Musketry..	1	
Royal Military College	2	

* The numbers in this column do not include men discharged from Permanent Staff of Auxiliary Forces, Unattached List, &c.

For details as to causes of discharge see the Table on pages 8 and 9.

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RE-ENGAGEMENTS, EXTENSIONS, PENSIONS, AND DESERTIONS.

TABLE 4.—THE NUMBER of PENSIONS granted, whether permanent or temporary, and the number of Men discharged during each year from 1895.

During	* Number of Men discharged from the Colours.	Pensions granted.	
		† Permanent.	Temporary.
1895	10,496	1,504	996
1896	11,396	1,583	1,002
1897	12,966	1,665	1,042
1898	12,983	1,678	1,095
1899	12,605	1,676	1,356
1900	15,169	725	3,452
1901	70,823	1,523	9,722
1902	80,090	2,530	10,345
9 months ending 30th September, 1903	24,198	2,113	2,775
12 months ending 30th September, 1904	21,407	2,284	2,914

* The numbers in this column do not include men discharged from the Permanent Staff of Auxiliary Forces, Unattached List, &c.

† These numbers include pensions granted to men on discharge from the Permanent Staff of Auxiliary Forces, Unattached List, &c.

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TABLE 5.—NUMBER of men struck off as Deserters from the regimental strength of each Arm of the Service during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1904, showing the services of the men, also the number who rejoined from desertion, and the net loss from desertion.

	Services of men struck off.						Total struck off.	* Rejoined from Desertion.	* Net loss from Desertion.
	Under 3 months.	3 to 6 months.	6 to 12 months.	1 to 2 years.	Over 2 years.	Not stated.			
Household Cavalry	1	—	1	—	5	—	7	6	1
Cavalry of the Line	24	20	19	53	124	21	261	239	22
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	53	39	44	102	126	—	364	276	88
Royal Garrison Artillery	54	34	44	38	72	—	242	119	123
Royal Engineers	3	14	18	12	43	—	90	52	38
Foot Guards	19	15	36	23	54	—	147	76	71
Infantry of the Line	731	405	493	511	481	—	2,621	1,817	804
Colonial Corps	16	5	9	4	22	54	110	25	85
Army Service Corps	18	11	10	9	16	—	64	44	20
Royal Army Medical Corps	2	2	6	16	17	—	43	16	27
Army Ordnance Corps	—	2	—	—	7	—	9	3	6
Army Pay Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1
All Arms	921	547	680	768	968	75	3,959	2,673 *	1,286 *

* The numbers rejoined from desertion do not include deserters who, having fraudulently enlisted in other than their original corps, were on discovery held to serve in their new corps. If these were taken into consideration, the net loss from desertion would be reduced.

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TABLE 6.—SERVICES OF MEN STRUCK OFF AS DESERTERS, and net loss from Desertion, showing proportions to 1,000 men of the average strength, in each year from 1895.

Year.	Services of men struck off.							Total struck off.	Proportion of Men Struck Off as Deserters to 1,000 of average strength.	Rejoined from Desertion.	Net loss from Desertion.	Proportion of net loss from Desertion to 1,000 men of average strength.	Year.
	Under 3 months.	3 to 6 months.	6 to 12 months.	Total under one year.	1 to 2 years.	Over 2 years.	Service not stated.						
1895	762	458	793	2,013	774	657	9	3,453	16·31	1,656	1,797	8·49	1895
1896	771	486	721	1,978	690	699	—	3,367	15·88	1,538	1,829	8·63	1896
1897	1,045	556	743	2,344	713	593	—	3,650	17·33	1,726	1,924	9·14	1897
1898	1,302	712	873	2,887	626	513	48	4,074	18·81	1,934	2,140	9·88	1898
1899*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,504	19·42	2,022	2,482	10·70	1899*
1900*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,378	16·98	2,438	3,940	10·49	1900*
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7,686	19·24	2,689	4,997	12·51	1901*
1902	2,317	1,227	1,303	4,847	795	1,063	457	7,162	19·79	2,839	4,323	11·95	1902
1st Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903	1,120†	723†	843†	2,686†	803†	1,138†	2†	4,629†	15·96†	2,212†	2,417†	8·33†	1st. Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903
1st Oct, 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904	921	547	680	2,148	768	968	75	3,959	14·27	2,673	1,286	4·64	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.

* Information incomplete owing to the South African war. † Figures for 9 months only.

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PART V.—RELIEFS AND REINFORCEMENTS.

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PART V.—RELIEFS AND REINFORCEMENTS.

TABLE 1.—DETAILS of TROOPS embarked for India during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1904, showing the Ages of Men composing Detachments.

—	Number of Units.	No. of N.C.O.'s and Men.		Detachments (Ages).										Total Units and Detachments.
		In Units.	In Detachments.	Under 18 years.	18—19 years.	19—20 years.	20—21 years.	21—22 years.	22—24 years.	24—26 years.	26—30 years	Over 30 years.	Not accounted for.	
From Home—														
Cavalry of the Line	2	1,189	195	7	—	—	43	50	44	18	15	18	—	1,384
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	1,032	9	—	15	288	234	258	118	58	52	—	1,032
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	576	6	—	16	138	92	115	74	56	79	—	576
Infantry of the Line	2	1,170	8,202	148	3	159	3,599	1,497	1,566	641	375	214	—	9,372
Army Ordnance Corps..	—	3	6	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	3	—	9
Total	—	2,362	10,011	170	3	190	4,068	1,873	1,984	853	504	366	—	12,373
From the Colonies and Egypt—														
Cavalry of the Line	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	5	398	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	402
Royal Garrison Artillery	5	370	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	373
Infantry of the Line	—	4	1,783	—	—	1	723	377	413	184	58	22	5	1,787
Army Ordnance Corps..	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2
Total	—	772	1,792	—	—	1	723	377	414	185	61	23	8	2,564
Total—														
Cavalry of the Line	2	1,189	195	7	—	—	43	50	44	18	15	18	—	1,384
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	5	398	1,036	9	—	15	288	234	258	119	58	52	3	1,434
Royal Garrison Artillery	5	370	579	6	—	16	138	92	116	74	57	80	—	949
Infantry of the Line	2	1,174	9,985	148	3	160	4,322	1,874	1,979	825	433	236	5	11,159
Army Ordnance Corps..	—	3	8	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	3	—	11
General total	—	3,134	11,803	170	3	191	4,791	2,250	2,398	1,038	565	389	8	14,937

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TABLE 2.—DETAILS of TROOPS embarked for the Colonies and Egypt during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1904, showing Ages of Men in Detachments.

—	Number of Units.	No. of N.C.O.'s and men.		Detachments (Ages).									Total Units and Detachments.
		In Units.	In Detachments.	Under 18 years.	18—19 years.	19—20 years.	20—21 years.	21—22 years.	22—24 years.	24—26 years.	26—30 years.	Over 30 years.	
*From India—													
Cavalry of the Line	1	557	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	557
Royal Horse and Field Artillery.. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infantry of the Line	1	530	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	530
Army Ordnance Corps	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Total	—	1,088	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,088
From Home—													
Cavalry of the Line	—	—	341	17	10	27	48	68	66	25	48	32	341
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	5	531	441	8	4	65	95	82	91	48	31	17	972
Royal Garrison Artillery..	6	1,060	1,156	21	57	174	244	157	222	131	90	60	2,216
Royal Engineers	—	—	735	33	5	40	62	77	168	116	111	123	735
Infantry of the Line	6	4,955	6,656	129	736	1,458	1,432	660	840	324	195	882	11,611
Army Service Corps	—	—	222	—	1	11	22	53	47	27	34	27	222
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	259	—	2	22	45	26	36	28	38	62	259
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	163	1	3	6	21	13	30	22	32	35	163
Army Pay Corps	—	—	24	—	—	—	—	1	—	5	6	12	24
Total	—	6,546	9,997	209	818	1,803	1,969	1,137	1,500	726	585	1,250	16,543
Total—													
Cavalry of the Line	1	557	341	17	10	27	48	68	66	25	48	32	898
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	5	531	441	8	4	65	95	82	91	48	31	17	972
Royal Garrison Artillery	6	1,060	1,156	21	57	174	244	157	222	131	90	60	2,216
Royal Engineers	—	—	735	33	5	40	62	77	168	116	111	123	735
Infantry of the Line	7	5,485	6,656	129	736	1,458	1,432	660	840	324	195	882	12,141
Army Service Corps	—	—	222	—	1	11	22	53	47	27	34	27	222
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	259	—	2	22	45	26	36	28	38	62	259
Army Ordnance Corps	—	1	163	1	3	6	21	13	30	22	32	35	164
Army Pay Corps	—	—	24	—	—	—	—	1	—	5	6	12	24
General Total	—	7,634	9,997	209	818	1,803	1,969	1,137	1,500	726	585	1,250	17,631

* In the case of troops from India the numbers accounted for are those *taken on the strength* of the Colonies from the Indian Establishment during the above period. The Cavalry regiment from India was taken on the strength in South Africa from date of *disembarkation*, and the Infantry battalion from date of *embarkation*.

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TABLE 3.—DETAILS of TROOPS disembarked at Home from service abroad during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1901.

—	Number of Units.	No. of N.C.O.'s and Men.		Details of Detachments.						Total Units and Detachments.
		In Units.	In Detachments.	Invalids.	Time Expired.	To Join Army Reserve.	To Join Home Establishment.	Other Causes.	Not accounted for.	
From India—										
Cavalry of the Line	—	—	585	204	73	246	34	28	—	585
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	5	346	995	246	109	417	189	34	—	1,341
Royal Garrison Artillery	3	149	600	188	47	274	67	24	—	749
Infantry of the Line	4	1,980	6,905	1,584	1,471	3,038	586	226	—	8,885
Army Ordnance Corps	—	3	35	3	2	1	26	3	—	38
Total	—	2,478	9,120	2,225	1,702	3,976	902	315	—	11,598
From the Colonies and Egypt—										
Cavalry of the Line	6	4,294	481	75	97	166	49	73	21	4,775
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	485	58	47	274	19	35	52	485
Royal Garrison Artillery	3	410	903	203	61	222	196	114	107	1,313
Royal Engineers	3	100	536	36	44	80	334	42	—	636
Infantry of the Line	10	5,705	5,342	981	1,717	1,800	560	284	—	11,047
Army Service Corps	7	113	242	24	12	108	92	6	—	355
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	389	38	1	162	169	19	—	389
Army Ordnance Corps	1	58	205	23	3	6	158	15	—	263
Army Pay Corps	—	—	46	7	4	1	34	—	—	46
Total	—	10,680	8,629	1,445	1,986	2,819	1,611	588	180	19,309
Total—										
Cavalry of the Line	6	4,294	1,066	279	170	412	83	101	21	5,360
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	5	346	1,480	304	156	691	208	69	52	1,826
Royal Garrison Artillery	6	559	1,503	391	108	496	263	138	107	2,062
Royal Engineers	3	100	536	36	44	80	334	42	—	636
Infantry of the Line	14	7,685	12,247	2,565	3,188	4,838	1,146	510	—	19,932
Army Service Corps	7	113	242	24	12	108	92	6	—	355
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	389	38	1	162	169	19	—	389
Army Ordnance Corps	1	61	240	26	5	7	184	18	—	301
Army Pay Corps	—	—	46	7	4	1	34	—	—	46
General Total	—	13,158	17,749	3,670	3,688	6,795	2,513	903	180	30,907

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PART VI.—PUNISHMENTS AND REWARDS.

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PART VI.—PUNISHMENTS AND REWARDS.

TABLE 1.—NUMBER OF COURTS-MARTIAL on men on the regimental strength of the Army held during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1904, showing the OFFENCES for which the men were tried, and the Punishments inflicted, in each arm of the service, at home and abroad.

(*a*) Courts-Martial and Offences.

—	At Home.												Abroad.											General Total.
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	All Arms.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry of the Line.	Colonial Corps.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	All Arms.	
Number of Courts-Martial...	9	460	862	365	111	386	4,344	212	48	9	2	6,808	320	380	523	68	3,756	77	21	57	7	—	5,209	12,017
Offences in relation to:—																								
The Enemy...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mutiny	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Desertion	6	171	266	106	42	81	1,497	41	14	2	—	2,226	18	28	22	16	285	6	2	11	3	—	391	2,617
Fraudulent Enlistment...	—	12	30	32	2	12	227	3	—	—	—	318	—	4	2	1	44	—	—	1	—	—	52	370
Offences in relation to enlistment	—	13	28	28	—	38	186	8	2	1	—	304	15	—	8	—	66	1	—	—	—	—	90	394
Violence and disobedience to Superiors	—	57	129	45	23	64	547	30	2	—	—	897	101	111	147	17	958	10	3	10	—	—	1,357	2,254
Minor Insubordination and neglect of orders ...	1	45	112	21	9	81	468	18	9	1	—	765	80	59	76	7	897	20	—	12	—	—	1,151	1,916
Quitting or Sleeping on Post	—	8	18	2	2	3	39	4	—	—	—	76	23	9	10	1	115	—	2	1	1	—	162	238
Drunk on Duty	—	20	17	11	5	15	150	17	1	—	—	236	19	36	42	4	357	—	1	2	1	—	462	698
Drunkenness	—	16	41	38	6	20	302	17	2	2	1	445	19	29	111	6	435	7	6	6	1	—	620	1,065
Disgraceful Conduct ...	—	14	18	3	—	25	166	18	2	—	—	246	14	3	12	1	161	6	—	10	—	—	207	453
Absence without Leave ...	1	78	101	33	12	50	607	39	12	—	—	933	40	40	43	10	298	6	2	8	1	—	448	1,381
Making away with Necessaries	—	88	113	50	2	67	1,080	49	16	—	—	1,465	18	35	32	—	371	3	—	4	—	—	463	1,928
Miscellaneous...	2	70	147	77	8	84	1,061	63	1	6	1	1,520	79	79	145	5	1,196	25	7	8	4	—	1,548	3,068
Total of Offences ...	10	592	1,020	446	111	540	6,330	307	61	12	2	9,431	426	433	650	68	5,183	84	23	73	11	—	6,951	16,382

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TABLE 1—*continued.*

(*b*) Acquittals, Pardons, &c.

Acquitted	—	17	13	10	3	12	50	11	1	—	—	117	20	17	16	4	152	10	—	2	—	—	221	338
Pardoned ... ... / Sentence wholly remitted / Sentence quashed ...	—	8	13	3	6	3	52	2	4	—	—	91	7	5	4	4	61	1	1	1	—	—	84	175
	—	25	26	13	9	15	102	13	5	—	—	208	27	22	20	8	213	11	1	3	—	—	305	513

(*c*) Punishments inflicted.

Death	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Penal Servitude	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	13	13
Reduction to a lower grade or to the Ranks	1	40	81	33	10	22	357	45	4	5	2	600	44	56	68	10	389	15	8	5	3	—	598	1,198
Reduction and Imprisonment	—	4	7	—	—	17	27	3	—	—	—	58	—	3	2	—	19	3	—	1	—	—	28	86
Summary Punishment under Sec. 44 (para. 5) Army Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stoppages, Fine or Forfeiture, without other punishment... ...	—	5	8	16	1	—	14	—	—	—	—	44	5	1	4	—	7	2	—	—	—	—	19	63
Imprisonment with or without Hard Labour	8	386	740	303	91	332	3,844	151	39	4	—	5,893	244	298	429	50	3,115	46	12	48	4	—	4,246	10,144
Discharged with ignominy without other punishment ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total of Punishments inflicted ...	9	435	836	352	102	371	4,242	199	43	9	2	6,600	293	358	503	60	3,543	66	20	54	7	—	4,904	11,504

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TABLE 2.—COURTS-MARTIAL, OFFENCES, and PUNISHMENTS, in each year from 1895.
(*a*) Courts-Martial and Offences.

	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1st. Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903	1st Oct., 1903, to 30thSep. 1904
Number of Courts-Martial	9,189	9,167	9,069	9,676	*	*	*	15,009	10,747§	12,017
Percentage to average strength during year† ..	4·34	4·32	4·31	4·47	—	—	—	4·25	3·84§	4·50
OFFENCES.										
Offences in relation to :—										
Murder	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Manslaughter	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
The enemy	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	12	1§	—
Mutiny	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	13	24§	—
Desertion	1,785	1,611	1,688	1,819	—	—	—	2,830	2,212§	2,617
Fraudulent enlistment	368	325	334	381	—	—	—	586	421§	370
Offences in relation to enlistment	437	397	449	509	—	—	—	422	358§	394
Violence and disobedience to Superiors ..	1,848	2,015	1,864	1,807	—	—	—	2,686	2,098§	2,254
Minor insubordination and neglect of orders ..	2,208	2,174	1,927	2,198	—	—	—	3,431	1,922§	1,916
Quitting or sleeping on Post	199	160	224	197	—	—	—	571	246§	238
Drunk on Duty	692	650	647	811	—	—	—	1,446	624§	698
Drunkenness	981	989	858	973	—	—	—	1,319	920§	1,065
Disgraceful conduct	866	791	756	773	—	—	—	915	481§	453
Absence without leave	1,237	1,229	1,148	1,296	—	—	—	1,818	1,391§	1,381
Making away with necessaries	2,432	2,224	2,083	2,239	—	—	—	2,564	1,789§	1,928
Miscellaneous	911	1,093	1,200	1,036	—	—	—	1,023	2,861§	3,068
Total of Offences	13,964	13,663	13,178	14,044	*	*	*	19,640	15,348§	16,382

* Information incomplete owing to South African war.

† The average strength taken does not include borrowed native troops.

§ Figures for 9 months only.

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TABLE 2—*continued.*

(*b*) Acquittals, Pardons, &c.

Acquitted	242	277	276	284	*	*	*	309	248§	338
Pardoned, Sentence wholly remitted, or Sentence quashed	†‡160	‡143	177	169	*	*	*	267	181§	175
	402	420	453	453	*	*	*	576	429§	513

(*c*) Punishments inflicted.

Death	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	4	—	—
Penal Servitude	5	8	13	8	—	—	—	90	29§	13
Reduction to a lower grade or to the Ranks ..	1,083	1,066	1,132	1,188	—	—	—	1,182	1,034§	1,198
Reduction and Imprisonment	94	74	92	85	—	—	—	214	91§	86
Summary Punishment under sec. 44 (para. 5), Army Act..	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	222	5§	—
Stoppages, Fine or Forfeiture, without other punishment	26	42	28	32	—	—	—	115	54§	63
Imprisonment with or without Hard Labour	7,577	7,555	7,349	7,908	—	—	—	12,565	9,073§	10,144
Discharged with ignominy without other punishment	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	41	32§	—
Total of Punishments inflicted	8,787	8,748	8,616	9,223	*	*	*	14,433	10,318§	11,504

* Information incomplete owing to the South African war. † One man deserted before promulgation of court-martial.
‡ One sentence quashed after punishment had been inflicted. § Figures for 9 months only.

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PUNISHMENTS AND REWARDS.

TABLE 3.—NUMBER of MEN on the regimental strength of the Army tried by COURT-MARTIAL, and the total number of trials, in each year from 1895.

YEAR.	Number of men tried.						Number of trials.	Percentage of men tried to average strength.‡
	Once.	Twice.	Three times.	Four times.	Five times.	Total. Men.		
1895	7,369	721	106	15	—	8,211	9,189	3·88
1896	7,126	803	125	15	—	8,069	9,167	3·81
1897	7,319	719	93	7	1	8,139	9,069	3·86
1898	7,859	737	90	17	1	8,704	9,676	4·02
1899*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1900*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902	10,990	1,540	230	61	1	12,822	15,009	3·63
1st Jan. to 30th Sept. 1903 ..	8,874†	761†	101†	12†	—	9,748†	10,747†	3·48†
1st Oct. 1903 to 30th Sept. 1904	9,703	885	154	18	2	10,762	12,017	4·03

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‡ The average strength taken does not include borrowed native troops.

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PUNISHMENTS AND REWARDS.

TABLE 4.—Number of GENERAL, DISTRICT, and REGIMENTAL COURTS-MARTIAL held on men on the regimental strength of the Army at home and abroad, from 1895.

Years.	Number of Courts-Martial.					
	General.	District.	Regimental.	Home.	Abroad.	Total.
1895 ..	15	6,958	2,216	5,240	3,949	9,189
1896 ..	16	7,073	2,078	5,241	3,926	9,167
1897 ..	26	6,987	2,056	5,269	3,800	9,069
1898 ..	16	7,456	2,204	5,463	4,213	9,676
1899* ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
1900* ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901* ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902 ..	3,480	7,887	3,642	7,479	7,530	15,009
1st Jan. to 30th Sept. 1903 ..	61†	8,729†	1,957†	6,054†	4,693†	10,747†
1st Oct. 1903 to 30th Sept. 1904 ..	53	9,575	2,389	6,808	5,209	12,017

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TABLE 5.—NUMBER of MEN on the regimental strength of the Army FINED for DRUNKENNESS, and the number of FINES inflicted, during the 12 months ending 30th September, 1904.

—	Number of Men Fined.												Number of Fines inflicted.
	Once.	Twice.	3 times.	4 times.	5 times.	6 times.	7 times.	8 times.	9 times.	10 times.	11 times.	Total.	
Household Cavalry	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line	179	47	24	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	258	379
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	438	125	42	18	14	3	1	2	—	—	—	643	997
Royal Garrison Artillery	742	328	173	97	32	18	5	4	—	—	—	1,399	2,640
Royal Engineers	150	45	14	10	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	222	338
Foot Guards	123	53	20	9	5	—	—	1	—	—	—	211	358
Infantry of the Line	6,031	2,336	1,165	572	271	125	44	20	8	2	1	10,575	19,162
Colonial Corps	31	6	3	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	42	64
Army Service Corps	64	9	8	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	83	114
Royal Army Medical Corps	66	14	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	87	117
Army Ordnance Corps	11	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	24
Army Pay Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms	7,835	2,968	1,455	716	326	149	50	27	8	2	1	13,537	24,193

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TABLE 6.—NUMBER of MEN on the regimental strength of the Army FINED for DRUNKENNESS, and the number of FINES inflicted, in each year from 1895.

YEAR.	NUMBER OF MEN FINED.													Number of Fines inflicted.	Percentage of Men Fined to average strength.‡	YEAR.
	Once.	Twice.	3 times.	4 times.	5 times.	6 times.	7 times.	8 times.	9 times.	10 times.	11 times.	12 times.	Total.			
1895	7,519	3,254	1,630	815	469	209	102	34	8	4	2	4	14,050	26,944	6·04	1895
1896	7,592	3,411	1,668	945	443	223	98	40	15	5	1	—	14,441	27,958	6·01	1896
1897	7,959	3,338	1,764	866	509	158	68	40	14	3	—	—	14,576	27,149	6·02	1897
1898	7,770	3,352	1,600	756	382	177	79	33	9	4	1	2	14,165	26,248	6·54	1898
1899*	1,053*	408*	184*	54*	30*	4*	4*	1*	1*	—	—	—	1,689*	2,706*	*	1899*
1900*	2,277*	809*	379*	149*	52*	31*	7*	5*	1*	1*	—	—	3,711*	6,182*	*	1900*
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*	1901*
1902	9,756	3,471	1,606	833	374	158	73	15	5	1	—	—	16,292	28,352	4·62	1902
1st January to 30th September, 1903	6,725†	2,550†	997†	417†	183†	72†	19†	4†	2†	—	—	—	10,969†	18,014†	3·92†	1903†
1st October, 1903, to 30th September, 1904	7,835	2,968	1,455	716	326	149	50	27	8	2	1	—	13,537	24,193	5·07	1903-4

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‡ The average strength taken does not include borrowed native troops.

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TABLE 7.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the number of men on the regimental strength of the Army in possession of GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS, in each year from 1896.

Date.	Warrant Officers.†	Serjeants.	Corporals and Bombardiers	Trumpeters, Drummers, and Privates.	Total.	Year.
1896, 1st January ..	†	868	96	438	1,402	1896
1897, " ..	†	936	82	491	1,509	1897
1898, " ..	†	917	87	467	1,471	1898
1899, " ..	†	986	76	513	1,575	1899
1900,* " ..	*	*	*	*	*	1900*
1901,* " ..	*	*	*	*	*	1901*
1902,* " ..	*	*	*	*	*	1902*
1903, " ..	†	1,001	86	570	1,657	1903
1903, 1st October ..	628†	875	94	439	2,036	1903
1904, " ..	652†	1,009	88	482	2,231	1904

N.B.—The Good Conduct Medal is awarded to Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and men with not less than 18 years' service with an irreproachable character.

Warrant Officers, who were first granted the medal under the Royal Warrant of 12th June, 1902 (Army Order 155 of 1902), are not entitled to a gratuity, but a gratuity is now given on discharge to men of all other ranks in possession of the medal.

† The figures for Warrant Officers include those who received the medal before promotion to warrant rank. Statistics as to Warrant Officers in the same position prior to 1st October, 1903 are not available.

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

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TABLE 8.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the number of men on the regimental strength of the Army in possession of GOOD CONDUCT BADGES in each year from 1895.

Date.	Men with One Badge.	Men with Two Badges.	Men with Three Badges.	Men with Four Badges.	Men with Five Badges.	Men with Six Badges.	Total Men in possession of badges.	Percentage of men in possession of badges to strength.†	Year.
1896, 1st January	74,137	23,774	2,849	1,057	218	122	102,157	47·84	1896
1897, "	77,174	24,060	2,912	1,215	170	135	105,666	49·79	1897
1898, "	74,215	24,480	2,951	1,264	158	125	103,193	48·59	1898
1899, "	70,071	29,335	3,279	1,363	140	121	104,309	46·91	1899
1900,* "	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*	1900*
1901,* "	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*	1901*
1902,* "	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*	1902*
1903, "	67,621	39,461	4,389	1,754	235	121	113,581	37·41	1903
1903, 1st October	71,539	32,879	4,309	1,723	218	89	110,757	41·43	1903
1904, "	69,421	38,862	5,990	1,943	251	78	116,545	43·55	1904

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.
† The strength taken does not include borrowed native troops.

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PART VII.—SERVICES AND AGES.

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TABLE 1.—PAST SERVICES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the several arms, at Home, in the Colonies, and in India, on the 1st October, 1904, showing the number serving under their original engagements, and the number who had extended their Service or re-engaged.

—	Under Original Engagements.														
	For 2 years with colours.		For 3 years with colours.				For 7 years with colours.*								
	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	Over 3 years.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 6 years.	6 to 7 years.	7 to 8 years.	Over 8 years.
AT HOME.															
Household Cavalry	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line	—	—	427	737	967	—	60	43	217	441	755	312	351	53	—
Royal Horse and Field Artillery...	—	—	1,992	2,955	1,654	—	50	41	265	369	598	256	202	1	—
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	3,054	1,406	271	—	16	6	30	114	157	123	212	110	—
Royal Engineers	—	—	881	727	386	6	12	3	184	195	219	122	131	14	—
Foot Guards	—	—	1,550	899	815	6	14	15	121	340	408	366	390	2	—
Infantry of the Line	—	—	22,762	11,493	4,644	4	197	74	291	440	916	1,144	1,718	217	—
Army Service Corps	732	175	214	472	466	2	1	1	3	17	41	27	19	2	1
Royal Army Medical Corps ...	—	—	244	465	218	—	1	4	24	13	39	17	28	3	—
Army Ordnance Corps and Department	—	—	93	105	47	—	1	—	20	35	25	16	34	—	—
Army Pay Corps	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	4	17	23	7	9	—	—
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms...	732	175	31,217	19,260	9,470	18	352	187	1,160	1,981	3,181	2,390	3,094	402	1
IN THE COLONIES, EGYPT, AND CRETE.															
Cavalry of the Line	—	—	14	111	386	—	7	7	39	52	52	52	31	—	—
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	13	124	77	—	4	8	26	32	40	33	9	8	1
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	192	1,169	476	1	10	9	70	127	124	90	126	82	2
Royal Engineers	—	—	—	11	20	108	1	10	141	148	85	61	61	13	—
Infantry of the Line	—	—	2,199	4,922	2,440	654	78	69	211	378	555	566	579	497	—
Colonial Corps	—	—	183	48	51	—	55	74	55	70	79	97	38	1	—
Army Service Corps	1	—	3	2	2	15	—	—	1	3	5	8	9	7	2
Royal Army Medical Corps ...	—	—	4	14	115	21	5	2	28	57	14	10	9	1	—
Army Ordnance Corps and Department...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	26	16	8	10	—	—
Army Pay Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	3	1	—
All Arms	1	—	2,609	6,401	3,567	799	160	179	576	894	971	925	875	610	5
IN INDIA.															
Cavalry of the Line	—	—	18	2	2	3	—	22	67	75	93	86	88	158	—
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	13	17	10	—	2	31	40	99	204	117	218	248	3
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	9	2	1	—	5	17	10	33	69	66	123	132	5
Infantry of the Line	—	—	330	2,575	1,193	116	98	135	254	440	615	593	871	1,801	8
All Arms	—	—	370	2,596	1,206	119	105	205	371	647	981	862	1,300	2,339	16
General Total	733	175	34,196	28,257	14,243	936	617	571	2,107	3,522	5,133	4,177	5,269	3,351	22

* Including men enlisted for three years, who had extended their service to complete seven years, with the colours.

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PART VII.—SERVICES AND AGES. TABLE 1—*continued.*

—	Number who have extended their service. To complete 8 years with colours.* Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 6 years.	6 to 7 years.	7 to 8 years.	Over 8 years.	To complete 12 years with the colours. Under 10 years.	10 to 11 years.	11 to 12 years.	Over 12 years.	Long Service, 1st period (12 years with colours). Under 10 years.	10 to 11 years.	11 to 12 years.	Over 12 years.	Re-engaged to complete 21 years. Under 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	Over 21 years.	Re-enlisted.	Not included in foregoing.	TOTAL.
AT HOME.																								
Household Cavalry	81	1	2	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	832	32	32	—	252	26	14	6	—	—	1,284
Cavalry of the Line	28	118	793	945	706	324	183	13	—	417	128	119	—	485	23	24	—	702	48	53	37	73	13	9,595
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	48	364	1,748	1,200	1,029	338	220	90	—	720	207	147	—	1,205	49	40	—	1,553	86	66	97	191	—	17,781
Royal Garrison Art.	52	176	230	199	229	161	158	98	1	709	236	232	1	677	29	15	—	1,487	109	84	155	60	—	10,597
Royal Engineers ...	35	348	335	198	191	98	66	31	—	643	96	52	5	588	32	19	2	1,110	81	68	10	71	—	6,959
Foot Guards ...	68	194	249	334	219	84	75	35	—	287	45	32	—	447	16	22	—	422	27	25	26	25	—	7,558
Infantry of the Line	277	926	1,246	1,091	1,114	1,008	1,134	536	—	2,783	834	796	2	4,099	233	173	—	5,341	342	312	284	692	—	67,123
Army Service Corps	54	181	264	352	272	135	86	63	—	278	75	62	—	593	9	1	—	628	51	42	11	42	9	5,381
Royal Army Medical Corps	5	169	239	64	157	87	53	10	—	194	47	37	—	87	4	5	—	423	41	38	20	56	—	2,795
Army Ord. Corps and Department	2	23	73	64	43	25	13	4	—	83	18	16	—	289	8	5	—	195	21	14	3	9	39	1,323
Army Pay Corps ...	—	2	24	42	37	16	3	4	—	162	12	3	—	51	3	1	—	190	9	12	41	3	—	678
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	9	7	9	3	1	—	—	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	44
All Arms ...	650	2,502	5,212	4,502	4,006	2,279	1,992	884	1	6,282	1,700	1,496	8	9,353	438	337	2	12,309	844	728	690	1,222	61	131,118
IN THE COLONIES, EGYPT, AND CRETE.																								
Cavalry of the Line	1	21	478	467	542	283	56	5	—	235	48	49	—	157	9	5	—	235	17	7	3	1	1	3,371
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	2	67	223	407	600	334	147	18	—	134	13	8	5	111	11	11	1	172	11	1	4	5	19	2,679
Royal Garrison Art.	4	94	681	865	682	568	434	206	5	513	86	64	6	310	22	14	2	640	49	21	22	34	41	7,841
Royal Engineers ...	1	39	305	517	450	231	49	18	—	186	18	17	—	173	15	9	2	520	30	22	12	14	—	3,287
Infantry of the Line	113	593	2,309	2,939	2,536	2,020	1,710	831	—	1,358	444	331	62	1,620	72	45	5	1,553	57	43	20	4,183	108	36,100
Colonial Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	84	14	8	—	2,459	89	104	—	316	26	16	45	4	2,488	6,404 §
Army Service Corps	—	15	26	125	114	66	33	15	—	132	10	10	5	54	4	2	2	130	5	2	—	6	1	815
Royal Army Medical Corps	1	27	172	153	83	53	15	4	—	69	11	7	—	9	5	2	—	162	18	6	—	16	—	1,093
Army Ord. Corps and Department	—	10	107	155	47	7	6	—	—	56	11	7	—	121	4	4	1	116	12	4	1	4	—	739
Army Pay Corps ..	—	—	3	3	8	12	3	1	—	46	2	1	—	10	2	1	—	76	1	1	3	—	—	179
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4
All Arms ...	122	866	4,304	5,631	5,062	3,574	2,453	1,098	5	2,813	657	502	78	5,024	233	197	13	3,920	226	123	110	4,267	2,662	62,512
IN INDIA.																								
Cavalry of the Line	4	142	789	1,196	1,151	533	265	143	—	636	137	69	9	286	14	15	1	467	10	18	9	9	—	6,517
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	2	74	636	1,369	1,848	755	620	372	5	891	389	211	50	315	22	23	1	801	28	20	23	7	35	9,499
Royal Garrison Art.	2	162	336	499	610	469	448	197	10	622	196	150	23	133	16	5	—	606	13	12	17	13	—	5,011
Royal Engineers ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	3
Infantry of the Line	78	963	3,716	5,850	6 316	4,868	3,867	2,181	11	4,560	2,489	2,041	354	1,881	103	56	6	3,987	108	77	63	42	186	52,832
Army Ord. Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	64	1	2	1	38	—	1	2	—	—	109
All Arms ...	86	1,341	5,477	8,914	9,925	6,625	5,200	2,893	26	6,709	3,211	2,471	436	2,679	156	101	9	5,901	160	128	114	71	221	73,971
General Total ...	858	4,709	14,993	19,047	18,993	12,478	9,645	4,875	32	15,804	5,568	4,469	522	17,056	827	635	24	22,130	1,230	979	914	‡5,560	2,944	267,601§

* Men enlisted for three and seven years who have extended service to complete eight years, and Household Cavalry enlisted for eight years, with the colours.
‡ Including 4,593 of the Royal Garrison Regiment. § Exclusive of 7,173 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.

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TABLE 2.—TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT, BY RANKS, OF THE NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE SEVERAL ARMS AT HOME, IN THE COLONIES, AND IN INDIA, ON THE 1ST OCTOBER, 1904.

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TABLE 2.—TERMS of ENGAGEMENT, by ranks, of the Non-Commissioned on the 1st

—	Short Service.																	
	Original Engagements.									Men who have extended their								
	For 2 years with colours.	For 3 years with colours.				For 7 years with colours.*					To complete 8 years with colours.					To complete 12 years.		
	Privates.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.
AT HOME.																		
Household Cavalry ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	90	90†	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line ...	—	1	6	2,124	2,131	38	1	180	2,013	2,232	32	2	109	2,967	3,110	219	1	120
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	1	4	6,596	6,601	23	—	458	1,301	1,782	9	—	183	4,845	5,037	213	—	318
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	—	4,731	4,731	12	—	92	664	768	7	—	64	1,233	1,304	146	—	287
Royal Engineers ...	—	—	—	2,000	2,000	1	—	110	769	830	1	—	72	1,229	1,302	220	—	221
Foot Guards	—	—	—	3,270	3,270	30	2	257	1,367	1,656	10	3	87	1,158	1,258	170	3	40
Infantry of the Line ...	—	1	205	38,697	38,903	141	21	790	4,045	4,997	123	31	694	6,484	7,332	966	356	748
Army Service Corps	907	1	2	1,151	1,154	8	—	47	57	112	57	—	282	1,068	1,407	178	—	123
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	1	926	927	1	—	10	118	129	2	—	22	760	784	54	—	78
Army Ordnance Corps and Department	—	—	—	245	245	—	—	24	107	131	—	—	12	235	247	41	—	32
Army Pay Corps ...	—	—	1	2	3	—	—	56	4	60	—	—	109	19	128	27	—	146
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	29	29	1	—	3
All Arms ...	907	4	219	59,742	59,965	254	24	2,024	10,446	12,748	241	36	1631	20,117	22,028	2,235	360	2,116
IN THE COLONIES, CRETE, AND EGYPT.																		
Cavalry of the Line ...	—	—	—	511	511	4	—	10	226	240	39	2	89	1,723	1,853	74	1	55
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	1	213	214	—	—	22	139	161	9	—	87	1,702	1,798	40	—	47
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	1	1,837	1,838	14	—	67	559	640	12	—	188	3,339	3,539	145	—	173
Royal Engineers ...	—	—	3	136	139	—	—	55	465	520	—	—	38	1,572	1,610	4	—	152
Infantry of the Line ...	—	—	37	10,178	10,215	62	3	288	2,580	2,933	179	10	521	12,338	13,051	458	162	231
Colonial Corps	—	—	—	282	282	1	—	36	432	469	—	—	—	—	—	36	—	18
Army Service Corps ...	1	—	3	19	22	3	—	15	17	35	23	—	118	253	394	65	—	41
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	—	154	154	—	—	—	126	126	7	—	49	452	508	26	—	18
Army Ordnance Corps and Department.	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	22	43	65	—	—	17	315	332	25	—	35
Army Pay Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	6	1	—	26	3	30	23	—	26
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms ...	1	—	45	13,331	13,376	84	3	521	4,587	5,195	270	12	1136	21,697	23,115	896	163	796
IN INDIA.																		
Cavalry of the Line ...	—	—	1	24	25	27	—	64	498	589	39	5	88	4,091	4,223	169	2	125
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	—	40	40	20	—	160	782	962	11	—	140	5,530	5,681	125	—	297
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	—	12	12	—	—	35	425	460	7	—	102	2,624	2,733	46	—	199
Royal Engineers ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infantry of the Line ...	—	1	12	4,201	4,214	45	7	324	4,439	4,815	112	31	525	27,182	27,850	687	369	677
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms ...	—	1	13	4,277	4,291	92	7	583	6,144	6,826	169	36	855	39,427	40,487	1,027	371	1,298
General Total ...	908	5	277	77,350	77,632	430	34	3,128	21,177	24,769	680	84	3625	81,241	85,630	4,158	894	4,210

* Including men enlisted for three years who have

† Original engagement for 8 years with the colours.

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SERVICES AND AGES.

Officers and Men of the several arms, at Home, in the Colonies, and in India, October, 1904.

Service. To complete 12 years.		Long Service. 1st Period (12 years with colours).					Re-engaged to complete 21 years.					Re-enlisted.					Not accounted for in foregoing.	Total.
Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.		
—	—	42	19	51	784	896	124	4	10	160	298	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,284
324	664	6	107	13	406	532	461	2	94	283	840	15	—	8	50	73	13	9,595
543	1,074	33	244	103	914	1,294	840	11	318	633	1,802	41	2	41	107	191	—	17,781
745	1,178	20	99	58	544	721	666	3	267	899	1,835	2	—	2	56	60	—	10,597
355	795	23	199	49	365	641	635	—	307	324	1,269	6	—	5	60	71	—	6,959
151	364	16	150	20	299	485	235	14	37	214	500	9	2	4	10	25	—	7,558
2,345	4,415	71	730	300	3,404	4,505	2,523	83	797	2,876	6,279	59	10	47	576	692	—	67,123
114	415	14	69	65	455	603	493	—	79	160	732	18	—	11	13	42	9	5,381
146	278	2	14	3	77	96	255	—	123	147	525	13	—	15	28	56	—	2,795
41	117	169	9	4	120	302	190	—	9	34	233	3	—	2	4	9	39	1,323
4	177	2	—	43	10	55	230	—	20	2	252	3	—	—	—	3	—	678
4	8	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	44
4,775	9,486	403	1,640	709	7,378	10,130	6,660	117	2,061	5,733	14,571	169	14	135	904	1,222	61	131,118
202	332	2	39	6	124	171	174	1	31	56	262	—	—	—	1	1	1	3,371
73	160	8	40	25	61	134	109	—	34	45	188	1	—	2	2	5	19	2,679
351	669	23	79	71	175	348	354	2	106	270	732	2	—	5	27	34	41	7,841
65	221	17	51	35	93	199	401	—	132	51	584	4	—	5	5	14	—	3,287
1,344	2,195	44	306	75	1,317	1,742	789	16	177	691	1,673	262	70	221	3,630	4,183	108	36,100
52	106	43	62	108	2,439	2,652	157	5	33	208	403	—	—	—	4	4	2,488	6,404‡
51	157	11	—	24	27	62	104	—	17	16	137	3	—	2	1	6	1	815
14	74	111	3	2	14	130	114	—	12	7	133	1	—	1	2	4	—	739
43	87	1	—	3	12	16	119	—	45	22	186	2	—	6	8	16	—	1,093
—	49	3	—	10	—	13	79	—	2	—	81	—	—	—	—	—	—	179
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	4
2,195	4,050	263	583	359	4,262	5,467	2,400	24	589	1,366	4,379	275	70	242	3,680	4,267	2,662	62,512
555	851	9	81	12	214	316	320	1	68	115	504	2	—	—	7	9	—	6,517
1,119	1,541	15	100	73	173	361	377	13	150	332	872	3	—	1	3	7	35	9,499
746	991	2	65	15	72	154	256	3	115	274	648	3	—	1	9	13	—	5,011
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
7,711	9,444	23	354	102	1,567	2,046	1,529	49	487	2,170	4,235	14	—	2	26	42	186	52,832
—	—	68	—	—	—	68	41	—	—	—	41	—	—	—	—	—	—	109
10,131	12,827	117	600	202	2,026	2,945	2,526	66	820	2,891	6,303	22	—	4	45	71	221	73,971
17,101	26,363	783	2,823	1,270	13,666	18,542	11,586	207	3,470	9,990	25,253	466	84	381	4,629	5,560§	2,944	267,601‡

extended their service to complete seven years with the colours.
‡ Exclusive of 7,173 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.
§ Including 4,593 of the Royal Garrison Regiment.

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SERVICES AND AGES.

TABLE 2—*continued*—TERMS of ENGAGEMENT by ranks of the Non-Commissioned on the 1st October,

—	Short Service.																	
	Original Engagements.														Men who have extended their			
	For 2 years with colours.	For 3 years with colours.				For 7 years with colours.*					For 8 years with colours.					To complete 12 years.		
	Privates.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.
AT HOME AND ABROAD.																		
Household Cavalry ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	90	90†	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line ...	—	1	7	2,659	2,667	69	1	254	2,737	3,061	110	9	286	8,781	9,186	462	4	300
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	1	5	6,849	6,855	43	—	640	2,222	2,905	29	—	410	12,077	12,516	378	—	662
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	1	6,580	6,581	26	—	194	1,648	1,868	26	—	354	7,196	7,576	337	—	659
Royal Engineers ...	—	—	3	2,136	2,139	1	—	165	1,234	1,400	1	—	110	2,801	2,912	224	—	373
Foot Guards	—	—	—	3,270	3,270	30	2	257	1,367	1,656	10	3	87	1,158	1,258	170	3	40
Infantry of the Line ...	—	2	254	53,076	53,332	248	31	1,402	11,064	12,745	414	72	1 743	46,004	48,233	2,111	887	1,656
Colonial Corps	—	—	—	282	282	1	—	36	432	469	—	—	—	—	—	36	—	18
Army Service Corps ...	908	1	5	1,170	1,176	11	—	62	74	147	80	—	400	1,321	1,801	243	—	164
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	1	1,080	1,081	1	—	10	244	255	9	—	71	1,212	1,292	80	—	96
Army Ordnance Corps and Department	—	—	—	246	246	—	—	46	150	196	—	—	29	550	579	66	—	67
Army Pay Corps ...	—	—	1	2	3	—	—	62	4	66	1	—	135	22	158	50	—	172
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	29	29	1	—	3
All Arms ...	908	5	277	77,350	77,632	430	34	3,128	21,177	24,769	680	84	3,625	81,241	85,630	4,158	894	4,210

* Including men enlisted for three years who have extended
† Under original engagement for eight years with the colours.

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SERVICES AND AGES.

Officers and Men of different arms, at Home, in the Colonies, and in India, 1904.

Service. To complete 12 years.		Long Service. 1st Period (12 years with the colours).					Re-engaged to complete 21 years.					Re-enlisted.					Not included in foregoing	Total.
Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.		
—	—	42	19	51	784	896	124	4	10	160	298	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,284
1,081	1,847	17	227	31	744	1,019	955	4	193	454	1,606	17	—	8	58	83	14	19,483
1,735	2,775	56	384	201	1,148	1,789	1,326	24	502	1,010	2,862	45	2	44	112	203	54	29,959
1,842	2,838	45	243	144	791	1,223	1,276	8	488	1,443	3,215	7	—	8	92	107	41	23,449
420	1,017	45	253	84	458	840	1,042	—	439	375	1,856	10	—	10	65	85	—	10,249
151	364	16	150	20	299	485	235	14	37	214	500	9	2	4	10	25	—	7,558
11,400	16,054	138	1,390	477	6,288	8,293	4,841	148	1,461	5,737	12,187	335	80	270	4,232	4,917§	294	156,055
52	106	43	62	108	2,439	2,652	157	5	33	208	403	—	—	—	4	4	2,488	6,404‡
165	572	25	69	89	482	665	597	—	96	176	869	21	—	13	14	48	10	6,196
189	365	3	14	6	89	112	374	—	168	169	711	15	—	21	36	72	—	3,888
58	191	348	12	6	134	500	345	—	21	41	407	4	—	3	6	13	39	2,171
4	226	5	—	53	10	68	309	—	22	2	333	3	—	—	—	3	—	857
4	8	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	4	48
17,101	26,363	783	2,823	1,270	13,666	18,542	11,586	207	3,470	9,990	25,253	466	84	381	4,629	5,560§	2,944	267,601‡

to complete seven years with the colours.
‡ Exclusive of 7,173 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.
§ Including 4,593 of the Royal Garrison Regiment.

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SERVICES AND AGES.

TABLE 3.—AGES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the Colonies, and in India on

—	Under 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	21 to 22 years.	22 to 23 years.	23 to 24 years.	24 to 25 years.	25 to 26 years.	26 to 27 years.	27 to 28 years.	28 to 29 years.
AT HOME.												
Household Cavalry ...	14	23	50	71	79	102	110	103	84	84	66	51
Cavalry of the Line ...	212	214	492	1,158	1,360	1,328	1,246	857	587	326	281	193
Roy. Horse & Field Art.	561	702	1,765	2,927	2,398	1,816	1,556	1,175	924	718	471	315
Royal Garrison Artillery	400	761	1,210	1,132	798	773	689	645	505	419	337	330
Royal Engineers	222	239	462	730	624	623	530	494	394	344	267	232
Foot Guards	185	446	746	913	860	838	784	658	576	361	262	169
Infantry of the Line ...	1,839	9,111	13,007	10,231	5,388	4,046	3,761	3,680	2,760	1,899	1,421	1,201
Army Service Corps ...	376	343	580	755	543	522	392	276	213	181	133	109
Royal Army Med. Corps	38	111	236	390	262	199	202	213	145	78	92	87
Army Ordnance Corps & Department.	101	27	60	110	107	113	105	84	76	47	47	45
Army Pay Corps	—	—	2	22	35	56	56	61	61	40	40	23
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	2	3	5	6	7	2	5	2	2
All Arms	3,948	12,007	18,610	18,491	12,457	10,421	9,487	8,286	6,327	4,502	3,419	2,787
IN THE COLONIES, EGYPT, AND CRETE.												
Cavalry of the Line ...	52	35	49	381	475	559	453	371	227	164	121	70
Roy. Horse & Field Art.	26	13	58	223	290	480	413	333	262	140	91	71
Royal Garrison Artillery	78	48	254	658	878	929	867	866	746	615	422	307
Royal Engineers	51	10	26	111	259	401	432	413	310	281	193	144
Infantry of the Line ...	520	669	2,753	4,591	1,416	3,919	3,344	3,026	2,435	1,592	995	796
Colonial Corps	72	89	159	228	335	520	613	685	638	581	521	370
Army Service Corps ...	—	—	6	30	64	126	80	84	66	69	44	45
Royal Army Med. Corps	—	—	15	78	172	175	111	97	66	72	46	24
Army Ordnance Corps & Department.	3	—	4	34	86	97	67	61	53	45	38	38
Army Pay Corps	—	—	—	1	1	7	20	14	19	10	12	6
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms	802	864	3,324	6,335	6,976	7,214	6,400	5,950	4,822	3,569	2,483	1,871
IN INDIA.												
Cavalry of the Line ...	93	23	44	202	592	985	1,105	862	612	503	361	286
Roy. Horse & Field Art.	39	42	77	218	613	1,076	1,313	1,145	1,037	844	682	526
Royal Garrison Artillery	26	16	31	131	253	385	465	607	564	478	395	325
Royal Engineers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infantry of the Line ...	435	264	308	2,767	5,179	6,224	6,720	6,079	5,424	3,884	3,081	2,805
Army Ordnance Corps ...	—	—	—	—	1	4	5	6	8	8	9	5
All Arms	593	345	460	3,318	6,638	8,674	9,608	8,699	7,645	5,717	4,528	3,947
Total at Home and Abroad ...	5,343	13,216	22,394	28,144	26,071	26,309	25,495	22,935	18,794	13,788	10,430	8,605

† Exclusive of 7,173 Native Troops borrowed

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regimental strength of the several arms of the service at Home, in the the 1st October, 1904.

29 to 30 years.	30 to 31 years.	31 to 32 years.	32 to 33 years.	33 to 34 years.	34 to 35 years.	35 to 36 years.	36 to 37 years.	37 to 38 years.	38 to 39 years.	39 to 40 years.	40 to 50 years.	Upwards of 50 years.	Not included in foregoing.	Total
64	53	57	49	39	28	31	33	30	17	24	21	1	—	1,284
202	151	131	109	94	90	70	55	45	52	37	76	4	195	9,535
319	320	295	261	242	220	166	137	105	89	87	171	8	—	17,781
313	325	319	265	207	184	182	160	113	98	88	283	21	40	10,597
197	175	154	167	163	125	136	137	106	95	91	196	6	—	6,959
125	108	92	86	76	47	31	27	38	34	25	38	—	—	7,558
1,139	1,180	1,041	880	737	748	655	566	502	347	294	402	20	215	67,123
107	135	92	106	70	79	79	59	63	46	42	71	—	9	5,381
71	80	68	70	62	48	44	53	41	50	35	118	2	—	2,795
42	31	38	27	33	29	40	13	24	21	15	49	—	39	1,323
32	27	26	25	26	15	15	16	16	13	20	48	—	—	678
2	1	3	1	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	44
2,613	2,586	2,319	2,049	1,750	1,613	1,453	1,256	1,084	862	758	1,473	62	498	131,118
73	70	67	43	33	31	16	23	19	11	18	8	—	2	3,371
58	41	35	25	20	17	12	21	10	6	8	5	2	19	2,679
227	163	113	102	108	90	68	62	62	41	25	66	—	46	7,841
88	86	69	70	51	40	47	29	44	47	29	53	—	—	3,287
654	571	531	542	552	557	525	542	619	515	534	786	1	115	36,100
298	225	183	137	106	110	102	77	52	45	34	84	4	136	6,404†
29	29	34	24	26	17	14	8	6	2	3	8	—	1	815
30	43	25	23	15	15	16	13	13	15	10	19	—	—	1,093
28	22	30	21	22	11	19	11	15	8	7	19	—	—	739
12	5	7	11	11	11	6	9	4	4	2	6	1	—	179
—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	4
1,497	1,256	1,094	998	947	899	826	795	844	694	670	1,055	8	319	62,512
170	172	124	91	80	41	40	34	35	26	15	21	—	—	6,517
455	365	259	209	135	109	74	45	32	25	18	50	3	108	9,499
289	255	185	133	112	92	85	48	36	27	16	33	—	24	5,011
—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	3
2,760	2,318	1,407	875	670	473	323	211	153	103	74	107	2	186	52,832
6	10	5	4	6	8	4	4	5	3	3	5	—	—	109
3,680	3,120	1,980	1,312	1,004	723	526	342	261	184	128	216	5	318	73,971
7,790	6,962	5,393	4,359	3,701	3,235	2,805	2,393	2,189	1,740	1,556	2,744	75	1,135	267,601†

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TABLE 4.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the AGES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the Army in each year from 1896.

Years.	Proportion per 1,000 men.							
	Under 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 25 years.	25 to 30 years.	30 to 35 years.	35 to 40 years.	Over 40 years.
1896, 1st January ..	17	46	82	538	226	61	23	7
1897 " ..	17	44	77	530	236	63	26	7
1898 " ..	18	56	79	513	240	63	24	7
1899 " ..	18	58	91	481	257	65	24	6
1900 " * ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901 " * ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902 " * ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1903 " ..	23	61	82	438	249	100	39	8
1903, 1st October ..	21	50	93	474	224	89	40	9
1904 " ..	20	50	84	484	223	89	40	10

* Information incomplete owing to the South African war.

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PART VIII.—NATIONALITIES, RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS, AND EDUCATIONAL ACQUIREMENTS.

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PART VIII.—NATIONALITIES, RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS, AND EDUCATIONAL ACQUIREMENTS.

TABLE 1.—NATIONALITIES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the several arms of the Service on the 1st October, 1904.

—	English and Welsh.	Scottish.	Irish.	Born in India or the Colonies.	Foreigners.	Not reported.	Total.
Household Cavalry..	1,118	73	63	28	2	—	1,284
Cavalry of the Line	15,867	1,768	1,399	247	14	188	19,483
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	24,626	1,810	2,598	767	19	139	29,959
Royal Garrison Artillery	17,395	1,137	4,253	551	27	86	23,449
Royal Engineers	8,311	639	1,057	238	4	—	10,249
Foot Guards..	5,604	741	1,137	66	10	—	7,558
Infantry of the Line	119,900	14,970	19,012	1,600	60	513	156,055
Colonial Corps	30	8	5	6,355	6	—	6,404*
Army Service Corps	5,301	275	496	114	—	10	6,196
Royal Army Medical Corps	3,170	264	400	52	2	—	3,888
Army Ordnance Corps and Department	1,784	113	140	94	1	39	2,171
Army Pay Corps	683	53	90	31	—	—	857
Army Veterinary Corps	43	1	4	—	—	—	48
All Arms	203,832	21,852	30,654	10,143	145	975	267,601*

* Exclusive of 7,173 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.

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TABLE 2.—NATIONALITIES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the Regimental strength of the Army in each year from 1896.

Year.	English and Welsh.	Scottish.	Irish.	Born in India or the Colonies.	Foreigners.	Not reported.	Total.
1896, 1st January ..	163,076	15,800	25,381	3,078	154	1,072	208,561
1897, " ..	159,475	16,203	25,664	2,923	150	2,644	207,059
1898, " ..	158,648	16,479	26,376	3,027	141	2,236	206,907
1899, " ..	164,997	17,280	28,352	3,022	96	1,580	215,327
1900, " * ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901, " * ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902, " * ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1903, " ..	213,873	26,303	35,717	8,190	636	18,881	303,600
1903, 1st October ..	202,562	22,442	31,467	10,461	155	266	267,353
1904, " ..	203,832	21,852	30,654	10,143	145	975	267,601

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

N.B.—Indian or African Native Troops borrowed from India, &c., are excluded throughout this table. Up to 1899 the Colonial Corps are also excluded, but from 1903 onwards they are included.

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TABLE 3.—RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the several arms of the Service on the 1st October, 1904.

—	Church of England.	Presbyterians.	Wesleyans.	Baptists or Congregationalists.	Other Protestants.	Roman Catholics.	Jews.	Mahommedans, Hindoos, &c.	Not reported.	Total.
Household Cavalry	1,091	91	34	18	2	48	—	—	—	1,284
Cavalry of the Line	14,790	1,445	935	187	89	1,837	12	—	188	19,483
Royal Horse and Field Artillery ..	22,231	1,709	1,689	337	131	3,701	22	—	139	29,959
Royal Garrison Artillery	15,745	1,157	1,296	253	110	4,781	21	—	86	23,449
Royal Engineers	7,174	746	870	210	43	1,206	—	—	—	10,249
Foot Guards	5,104	735	376	60	20	1,253	10	—	—	7,558
Infantry of the Line	105,059	13,373	6,767	963	252	29,030	105	—	506	156,055
Colonial Corps	1,681	62	369	169	132	695	—	3,296	—	6,404*
Army Service Corps	4,504	252	407	150	64	804	5	—	10	6,196
Royal Army Medical Corps.. ..	2,715	319	230	90	6	524	4	—	—	3,888
Army Ordnance Corps and Department	1,536	142	155	81	18	199	1	—	39	2,171
Army Pay Corps	579	66	67	23	10	111	1	—	—	857
Army Veterinary Corps	34	2	5	—	1	6	—	—	—	48
All Arms	182,243	20,099	13,200	2,541	878	44,195	181	3,296	968	267,601*

* Exclusive of 7,173 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.

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TABLE 4.—RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the Army in each year from 1896.

Year.	Church of England.	Presbyterians.	Wesleyans.	Baptists and Congregationalists.	Other Protestants.	Roman Catholics.	Jews.	Mahommedans, Hindoos, &c.	Not Reported.	Total.	Year.
1896, 1st January ..	144,302	14,563	11,134	1,812		35,627	†	—	1,123	208,561	1896
1897, „	140,921	14,650	10,950	2,353		35,492	†	—	2,693	207,059	1897
1898, „	140,721	14,984	10,835	1,888		36,183	†	—	2,296	206,907	1898
1899, „	145,842	15,622	11,170	1,958		39,073	†	—	1,662	215,327	1899
1900, „ *	—	—	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	1900*
1901, „ *	—	—	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	1901*
1902, „ *	—	—	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	1902*
1903, „	195,080	22,900	14,284	2,953		46,883	159	2,459	18,882	303,600	1903
1903, 1st October ..	182,963	20,139	13,450	3,232		44,119	185	2,999	266	267,353	1903
1904, „	182,243	20,009	13,200	2,541	878	44,195	181	3,296	968	267,601	1904

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War. † Included in the numbers "not reported."

N.B.—Indian or African Native Troops borrowed from India, &c., are excluded throughout this table. Up to 1899 Colonial Corps are also excluded, but from 1903 onwards they are included.

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TABLE 5.—EDUCATIONAL ACQUIREMENTS of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the several arms of the Service on the 1st October, 1904.

—	Strength on the 1st October 1904.	Men in possession of Certificates on the 1st October, 1904.				Per-centage of Certificated to Strength.	Certificates gained during 12 months ending 30th September, 1904.			
		1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.		1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.
Household Cavalry	1,284	49	442	347	838	65·27	5	48	123	176
Cavalry of the Line	19,483	359	4,090	3,636	8,085	41·50	87	1,074	1,856	3,017
Royal Horse and Field Artillery ..	29,959	712	6,780	6,038	13,530	45·16	180	1,434	3,158	4,772
Royal Garrison Artillery..	23,449	1,036	5,926	4,352	11,314	48·25	138	960	2,182	3,280
Royal Engineers	10,249	998	3,338	1,992	6,328	61·74	110	603	937	1,650
Foot Guards	7,558	153	1,476	1,869	3,498	46·28	35	268	885	1,188
Infantry of the Line	156,055	2,613	27,397	29,730	59,740	38·28	548	6,241	17,225	24,014
Colonial Corps	6,404*	36	560	374	970	15·15	3	72	73	148
Army Service Corps	6,196	538	1,897	891	3,326	53·68	126	515	586	1,227
Royal Army Medical Corps	3,888	169	1,215	485	1,869	48·07	43	215	291	549
Army Ordnance Corps and Department	2,171	282	915	347	1,544	71·12	52	220	193	465
Army Pay Corps	857	484	373	—	857	100·00	66	—	—	66
Army Veterinary Corps	48	—	10	19	29	60·42	—	1	4	5
Total	*267,601	7,429	54,419	50,080	111,928	41·83	1,393	11,651	27,513	40,557

* Exclusive of 7,173 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.

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TABLE 6.—EDUCATIONAL ACQUIREMENTS of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the Army in each year from 1896.

Date.	Strength.	Men in possession of certificates.				Per-centage of Certificated to Strength.	Certificates gained during preceding 12 months.			
		1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.		1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.
1896, 1st January	214,678	4,305	45,588	31,004	80,897	37·68	907	6,879	10,006	17,792
1897, „	213,148	4,856	48,359	29,899	83,114	38·99	985	7,812	8,983	17,780
1898, „	213,314	5,766	46,880	27,938	80,584	37·78	1,064	7,075	8,686	16,825
1899, „	222,373	5,631	48,422	31,289	85,342	38·38	924	7,525	9,969	18,418
1900, „ .. .. *	—	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	*
1901, „ .. .. *	—	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	*
1902, „ .. .. *	—	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	*
1903, „	303,600	5,618	43,257	30,985	79,860	26·30	779	5,531	6,948	13,258
1903, 1st October	267,353	6,368	48,705	36 763	91,836	34·35	668§	6,388§	9,650§	16,706§
1904, „	267,601	7,429	54,419	50,080	111,928	41·83	1,393	11,651	27,513	40,557

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War. § Figures for nine months only.

N.B.—Indian or African Native Troops borrowed from India, &c., are excluded throughout this table. The figures for 1896–98 include warrant officers and certain men not on the regimental strength.

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PART IX.—HORSES AND MULES.

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Table 1.—Strength and Distribution of the Public Horses and Mules (Regimental) on the 1st October, 1904, specifying those on the British and Indian Establishments, and the number required to complete each arm of the service.

—	Strength on British Establishment.										Strength on Indian Establishment.					General Total.
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards and Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	Colonial Corps, &c.	Unposted Remounts.	All Arms.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Infantry of the Line.	All Arms.	
At Home.																
England	784	4,080	6,263	104	665	1,528	1,492	—	483	15,399	—	—	—	—	—	15,399
Scotland	—	458	40	—	—	21	44	—	—	563	—	—	—	—	—	563
Ireland	—	1,942	1,959	—	47	251	430	—	161	4,790	—	—	—	—	—	4,790
Channel Islands	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	6
	784	6,480	8,262	104	712	1,806	1,966	—	644	20,758	—	—	—	—	—	20,758
In the Colonies, &c.																
Egypt	—	420	126	107	5	161	—	7	—	826	—	—	—	—	—	826
South Africa	—	2,502	1,913	—	177	2,051	4	—	2,725	9,372	—	—	—	—	—	9,372
Gibraltar, Malta and Crete	—	—	—	—	—	156	—	—	—	156	—	—	—	—	—	156
Ceylon, Singapore and China	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	20	—	24	—	—	—	—	—	24
Canada and Bermuda ..	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3
Somaliland temporary garrison	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,446	—	3,446	—	—	—	—	—	3,446
China Force	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	671	—	671	—	—	—	—	—	671
	—	2,922	2,039	107	182	2,375	4	4,144	2,725	14,498	—	—	—	—	—	14,498
In the East Indies.																
Punjab	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,745	1,962	1,283	48	5,038	5,038
Bengal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,097	2,760	222	72	4,151	4,151
Madras	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,730	1,407	—	24	3,161	3,161
Bombay	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	569	1,878	598	66	3,111	3,111
Burmah	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	97	97	97
Royal Artillery Staff, &c...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	725	—	—	725	725
General Total	784	9,402	10,301	211	894	4,181	1,970	4,144	3,369	35,256	5,141	8,732	2,103	307	16,283	51,539
*ESTABLISHMENT ..	825	10,504	10,704	300	1,177	4,980	2,497	15	600	31,602	4,726	7,601	1,602	—	13,929	45,531
Wanting to complete ..	41	1,102	403	89	283	799	527	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Supernumerary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,129	2,769	3,654	415	1,131	501	307	2,354	6,008

* As provided for in Army Estimates.

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TABLE 2.—STRENGTH of the PUBLIC HORSES and MULES in each arm of the Service, in each year from 1896, specifying those on the British and Indian Establishments.

Date.	Strength on British Establishment.										Strength on Indian Establishment.					Total.	Date.
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards and Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	China and Somaliland, &c.	Unposted Remounts.	All Arms.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Infantry of the Line.	All Arms.		
1 Jan. 1896	818	6,918	4,378		367	653	1,273	—	190	14,597	4,649	7,863		—	12,512	27,109	1 Jan. 1896
1897	822	6,993	4,266		394	718	1,272	—	138	14,603	4,596	7,705		—	12,301	26,904	1897
1898	824	7,536	4,589		419	1,459	1,307	—	154	16,288	4,522	7,778		—	12,300	28,588	1898
1899	820	7,654	5,083		408	1,486	1,283	—	244	16,978	4,539	7,764		—	12,303	29,281	1899
1900	862	12,349	10,280	498	607	5,102	1,981	—	22,984	54,663	3,155	6,161	1,145	—	10,461	65,124	1900
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*	2,604	5,821	1,137	—	9,562	*	1901*
1902*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*	1,473	6,246	1,247	—	8,966	*	1902*
1903	833	22,784	10,062	356	689	9,051	1,116	—	1,313	46,204	4,069	6,608	1,149	—	11,826	58,030	1903
1 Oct. 1903	783	11,407	10,331	211	879	5,687	1,687	10,586	3,690	45,261	4,736	7,566	1,354	—	13,656	58,917	1 Oct. 1903
1904	784	9,402	10,301	211	894	4,181	1,970	4,144	3,369	35,256	5,141	8,732	2,103	307	16,283	51,539	1904

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

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HORSES AND MULES.

TABLE 3.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the PUBLIC HORSES and MULES of each arm of the service on the British Establishment during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1904.

—	Strength on the 1st October, 1903.	Increase.			Decrease.				Strength on the 1st October, 1904.
		Purchased.	Other causes.*	Total.	Died and Destroyed.	Cast and Sold.	Other causes or unaccounted for.*	Total.	
Household Cavalry ..	783	—	68	68	22	45	—	67	784
Cavalry of the Line ..	11,407	—	—	—	397	1,166	442	2,005	9,402
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	10,331	—	981	981	490	521	—	1,011	10,301
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	211	—	19	19	9	10	—	19	211
Royal Engineers ..	879	—	152	152	42	95	—	137	894
Infantry of the Line and Foot Guards	5,687	—	—	—	54	51	1,401	1,506	4,181
Army Service Corps ..	1,687	—	487	487	101	103	—	204	1,970
China and Somaliland	10,586	—	—	—	—	—	6,442	6,442	4,144
Remounts:— At Home ..	1,391	2,210	—	2,210	201	410	2,346	2,957	644
South Africa ..	2,299	190	2,807	2,997	230	2,341	—	2,571	2,725
All Arms.. ..	45,261	2,400	4,514*	6,914	1,546	4,742	10,631*	16,919	35,256

* Principally transfers from and to the Remount Depôts, except in China and Somaliland.

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TABLE 4.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the PUBLIC HORSES and MULES on the British Establishment in each year from 1895.

Year.	Strength on the 1st January in each year.	Increase.			Decrease.				Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	Strength on first day in each year following.
		Purchased.	Other causes. (Net.)	Total.	Died or Destroyed.	Cast and Sold.	Other causes. (Net.)	Total.			
1895	14,559	1,611	1	1,612	305	1,269	—	1,574	38	—	14,597
1896	14,597	2,575	—	2,575	423	1,843	303	2,569	6	—	14,603
1897	14,603	4,100	—	4,100	636	1,636	143	2,415	1,685	—	16,288
1898	16,288	3,558	126	3,684	902	2,092	—	2,994	690	—	16,978
1899	16,978	36,940	3,132	40,072	1,039	1,348	—	2,387	37,685	—	54,663
1900*	54,663	—	—	*	—	—	—	*	—	—	*
1901*	*	—	—	*	—	—	—	*	—	—	*
1902*	*	—	—	*	—	—	—	*	—	—	46,204
1903	46,204	3,580	—	3,580	952	2,291	1,280	4,523	—	943	1st October, 45,261
1903–04 ..	1st October, 45,261	2,400	—	2,400	1,546	4,742	6,117†	12,405	—	10,005	35,256

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.
† Principally in China and Somaliland.

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TABLE 5.—AGES of the PUBLIC HORSES and MULES in each arm of the Service on the 1st October, 1904, specifying those on the British and Indian Establishments.

—	British Establishment.						Indian Establishment.					
	Under 5 years.	5 and under 9 years.	9 and under 13 years.	13 years and over.	Not reported.	Total.	Under 5 years.	5 and under 9 years.	9 and under 13 years.	13 years and over.	Not reported.	Total.
Household Cavalry	53	388	328	15	—	784	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line	843	5,062	2,783	267	447	9,402	267	2,037	2,443	277	117	5,141
Royal Horse and Field Artillery ..	289	4,749	4,670	328	265	10,301	60	2,794	3,758	1,415	705	8,732
Royal Garrison Artillery	10	89	78	34	—	211	22	579	953	441	108	2,103
Royal Engineers	26	555	257	56	—	894	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infantry of the Line and Foot Guards	31	540	448	176	2,986*	4,181	41	151	80	35	—	307
Army Service Corps	23	1,039	815	93	—	1,970	—	—	—	—	—	—
Colonial Corps	—	1	5	21	—	27	—	—	—	—	—	—
Remount Depôts	—	—	—	—	3,369	3,369	—	—	—	—	—	—
China and Somaliland	—	—	—	—	4,117	4,117	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms	1,275	12,423	9,384	990	11,184	35,256	390	5,561	7,234	2,168	930	16,283

* 2,842 of these were Mounted Infantry horses.

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TABLE 6.—AGES of the PUBLIC HORSES and MULES on the British and Indian Establishments in each year from 1896.

Year.	British Establishment.						Indian Establishment.					
	Under 5 years.	5 and under 9 years.	9 and under 13 Years.	13 years and over.	Not reported.	Total.	Under 5 years.	5 and under 9 years.	9 and under 13 years.	13 years and over.	Not reported.	Total.
1896, 1st January	1,201	5,534	4,405	3,120	337	14,597	138	4,413	5,129	2,832	—	12,512
1897 „	1,107	5,675	4,415	2,994	412	14,603	91	4,092	5,221	2,851	46	12,301
1898 „	1,586	6,968	4,420	2,709	605	16,288	166	4,176	5,144	2,691	123	12,300
1899 „	1,402	8,128	4,321	2,517	610	16,978	158	4,136	5,090	2,823	96	12,303
1900 „ *..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901 „ *..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902 „ *..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1903 „	984	18,709	5,156	1,843	19,512†	46,204	282	5,645	4,048	1,710	141	11,826
1903, 1st October	1,448	17,254	6,697	839	19,023†	45,261	186	5,818	5,593	2,010	49	13,656
1904 „	1,275	12,423	9,384	990	11,184†	35,256	390	5,561	7,234	2,168	930	16,283

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.
† Principally unposted remounts, animals in China and Somaliland, and Mounted Infantry horses.

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PART X.—ARMY RESERVE.

TABLE 1.—Increase and Decrease of the Army Reserve during the past four years and nine months.

	1900.	1901.	1902.	1st Jan., 1903, to 30 Sept., 1903.	1st Oct., 1903, to 30 Sept., 1904.
Effectives on first day of each period	24,130	5,251	2,398	32,865	66,471.
INCREASE.					
From the Colours	3,209	570	32,875	38,228*	17,117
Enlisted in Section "D" ..	563	28	1,679	3,515*	3,219
Rejoined from absence ..	247	20	17	86*	122
Other causes (net)	31	..	..	30*	83
Total increase ..	4,050	618	34,571	41,859*	20,541
DECREASE.					
Died	140	36	76	206*	330
Discharged—					
On completion of engagement	1,110	742	2,982	7,312*	10,157
As invalids	2,664	240	9	22*	119
By purchase	..	1	..	11*	75
Free by indulgence	6	19	4	..	5
For misconduct	17	..	..	8*	94
Miscellaneous	35	169	8	29*	166
Total discharged ..	3,832	1,171	3,003	7,382*	10,616
Rejoined Colours	18,516	2,114	867	371*	410
Struck off for absence	441	122	38	294*	716
Other causes (net)	..	28	120	..	..
Total decrease ..	22,929	3,471	4,104	8,253*	12,072
Net increase	..	..	30,467	33,606*	8,469
Net decrease	18,879	2,853	..	..	..
Effectives on the first day of each period following ..	5,251	2,398	32,865	66,471	74,940

* Figures during nine months only.

N.B.—The figures in this table represent the increase and decrease of the Army Reserve as reported in returns received from officers in charge of the Reservists' documents, and do not, as regards the numbers "from the Colours" during the above period, quite agree with the numbers passed to the reserve from units, &c., as shown on page 110.

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TABLE 2.—STRENGTH of the ARMY RESERVE, showing the composition of the force, on the first day of each quarter from 1st October, 1903, to 1st October, 1904.

—	Section			Total Army Reserve.	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Royal Malta Artillery.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	Army Post Office. Corps.	All Arms.
	A.	B.* and C.	D.															
1st October, 1903 ..	2,921	56,906	6,644	66,471	—	5,599	4,085	3,756	2,657	5,790	40,403	2,488	1,095	253	130	17	198	66,471
1st January, 1904 ..	3,465	58,376	7,303	69,144	—	5,686	4,360	3,777	2,777	5,873	42,031	2,832	1,159	293	138	20	198	69,144
1st April „ ..	3,165	61,410	7,916	72,491	—	5,794	4,742	3,944	2,866	6,008	44,276	2,987	1,206	316	134	19	199	72,491
1st July „ ..	2,620	62,378	9,009	74,007	12	5,819	4,851	3,965	2,942	6,137	45,310	3,037	1,235	329	127	19	224	74,007
1st October „ ..	2,564	62,190	10,186	74,940	17	5,773	5,004	3,891	2,996	6,281	45,885	3,093	1,280	339	127	17	237	74,940

* The men of Section "C" were transferred to Section "B" under Army Order 202 of 1904. For explanation as to the various sections of the Reserve, see next page.

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TABLE 3.—STRENGTH of the ARMY RESERVE in each year from 1896.

Year.	1st Class.			2nd Class.			Total.
	1870. Sections A, B, & C.	1882. Section D.	Volunteers.	Reserve of 1859.	Reserve of 1867.	Enrolled Pensioners.	
1 Jan. 1896	74,259	3,798	—	16	16	79	78,168
1897	70,927	7,173	—	7	16	59	78,182
1898	68,651	13,354	—	2	12	44	82,063
1899	62,034	16,764	—	—	11	30	78,839
1900	10,503	13,856	—	—	9	20	24,388
1901	1,264	1,983	2,163*	—	9	15	5,434
1902	1,325	1,231	—	—	7	10	2,573
1903	29,784	3,081	—	—	—	7	32,872
1st Oct. 1903	59,827	6,644	—	—	—	4	66,475
1904	64,754	10,186	—	—	—	—	74,940

Section B is the ordinary Reserve, and consists of men completing, in the Reserve, the term of their original engagement. It now includes Section C, in which men who had converted a period of Colour service into Reserve service used to serve until the time when their correct date of transfer to the Reserve arrived, when they passed into Section B.

Section A consists of men who undertake during their first year of Reserve service a liability to be called out in certain circumstances, without the general Reserve being mobilized. It was established by Royal Warrant of 8th October, 1898 (Army Order 142 of 1898).

Section D consists of men who, having completed the term of their original engagement (12 years), either with the Colours or in the Reserve, re-engage for a further period of four years in the Reserve. (Established by Royal Warrant, 21st March, 1883—Clause 62, Army Circulars, 1883.)

Enrolment in the Reserve of 1859 was suspended, 18th August, 1866.

Enrolment in the Reserve of 1867 was suspended, 23rd February, 1869.

Enrolled pensioners were merged in the 2nd Class Army Reserve under the Army Reserve Regulations, dated 9th May, 1868.

Enrolment of pensioners was discontinued in 1881. (Clause 68 of Army Circulars, 1881.)

* These were men of Volunteer Corps enlisted (under A.O. 29 of 1900) for service during the War in South Africa, and passed to the Reserve until their services were required.

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TABLE 4.—TRANSFERS to the Army Reserve from the Colours during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1904.

Past services towards completion of engagement.	Transfers from													
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Royal Malta Artillery.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	All Arms.
Under 2 years ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
2 to 3 years ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	—	—	3	—	—	—	29
3 to 4 years ..	—	18	10	9	239	764	2,482	—	742	227	2	—	—	4,493
4 to 5 years ..	1	132	15	1	21	2	227	—	34	11	—	—	—	444
5 to 6 years ..	—	271	262	13	30	6	427	—	8	23	2	—	—	1,042
6 to 7 years ..	—	63	185	11	15	2	283	—	2	5	1	—	—	570
7 to 8 years ..	—	628	700	718	113	388	6,067	113	43	38	16	3	—	8,827
8 to 9 years ..	7	14	183	166	21	4	983	—	6	3	1	1	—	1,389
9 to 10 years ..	2	8	12	10	3	2	142	—	3	2	—	—	—	184
10 to 11 years ..	6	7	16	8	4	3	37	—	1	3	1	—	—	86
After 11 years ..	1	4	19	14	3	2	47	—	1	5	—	—	—	96
Relegated	—	4	9	10	—	—	42	—	—	1	—	—	—	66
On Demobilisation..	—	2	—	1	—	—	17	—	—	6	—	—	2	28
Total	17	1,151	1,411	961	449	1,173	10,784	113	840	327	23	4	2	17,255

N.B.—The figures in this table represent the men transferred to the Reserve from units, &c., during the above period, and do not quite agree with the numbers taken on the strength of the Reserve as "from the Colours" in Table I., p. 107, the latter figures being compiled from returns received from officers in charge of reservists' documents.

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TABLE 5.—SERVICES of MEN transferred from the Colours to the Army Reserve during each year from 1895.

Year.	Services of Men transferred.								Relegated.	Demobilized.	Total transferred to Army Reserve.	Year.
	Under 3 years.	After 3 years.	After 4 years.	After 5 years.	After 6 years.	After 7 years.	After 8 or more years.	Service not stated.				
1895	110	805	29	589	478	9,042	3,484	—	72	—	14,609	1895
1896	137	631	29	532	351	9,641	2,553	—	49	—	13,923	1896
1897	141	593	15	544	301	12,642	2,495	6	67	—	16,804	1897
1898	155	696	17	428	321	12,146	2,388	—	69	—	16,220	1898
1899*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	61	—	12,904	1899*
1900*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41	—	3,055	1900*
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	85	—	804	1901*
1902	—	3,462	756	552	777	7,281	5,873	435	137	17,559	36,832	1902
1st Jan. to 30th Oct., 1903	9†	4,078†	119†	995†	342†	8,761†	12,829†	619†	54†	10,340†	38,146†	1st Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903
1st Oct. 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904	30	4,493	444	1,042	570	8,827	1,755	—	66	28	17,255	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.
† Figures for nine months only.

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TABLE 6.—AGES of the MEN composing the ARMY RESERVE on the 1st October, 1904.

——	Under 30 years of age.	30 to 35 years.	35 to 40 years.	Over 40 years.	Total.
Household Cavalry	8	8	1	—	17
Cavalry of the Line	3,727	1,936	108	2	5,773
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	2,868	1,958	173	5	5,004
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	2,061	1,696	128	6	3,891
Royal Engineers	1,695	972	249	80	2,996
Foot Guards	4,648	1,503	125	5	6,281
Infantry of the Line	31,391	13,588	889	17	45,885
Army Service Corps	2,458	548	85	2	3,093
Royal Malta Artillery	232	107	—	—	339
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	967	266	46	1	1,280
Army Ordnance Corps.. ..	63	54	9	1	127
Army Pay Corps	8	9	—	—	17
Army Post Office Corps ..	173	59	1	4	237
Total	50,299	22,704	1,814	123	74,940

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TABLE 7.—YEARS in which the engagements of the Men composing the Army Reserve on the 1st October, 1904, will expire.

—	Men of Sections A and B. During periods from 1st October to 30th September.										Men of Section D. During periods from 1st October to 30th September.				
	1904-5.	1905-6.	1906-7.	1907-8.	1908-9.	1909-10.	1910-11.	1911-12.	1912-13.	Total.	1904-5.	1905-6.	1906-7.	1907-8.	Total.
Household Cavalry ..	3	4	3	5	1	—	—	1	—	17	—	—	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line ..	907	1,066	859	1,037	499	456	260	59	13	5,156	1	18	226	372	617
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	595	765	680	901	558	300	177	74	10	4,060	12	153	453	326	944
Royal Garrison Artillery	811	700	767	729	357	19	4	4	—	3,391	24	72	215	189	500
Royal Engineers ..	336	426	321	380	351	369	189	149	205	2,726	6	34	128	102	270
Foot Guards	584	486	533	495	820	656	780	811	664	5,829	2	20	193	237	452
Infantry of the Line ..	7,030	7,190	7,174	7,202	3,147	1,565	1,673	2,049	1,965	38,995	26	460	3,276	3,128	6,890
Army Service Corps ..	210	202	141	201	211	202	405	484	653	2,709	5	124	172	83	384
Royal Malta Artillery ..	11	21	16	23	188	72	1	5	2	339	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Army Medical Corps	110	109	82	127	64	128	137	246	177	1,180	—	11	50	39	100
Army Ordnance Corps ..	7	31	23	18	15	1	1	1	1	98	—	3	12	14	29
Army Pay Corps	1	5	4	6	1	—	—	—	—	17	—	—	—	—	—
Army Post Office Corps ..	9	181	—	1	—	—	46	—	—	237	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms ..	10,614	11,186	10,603	11,125	6,212	3,768	3,673	3,883	3,690	64,754	76	895	4,725	4,490	10,186

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PART XI.—MILITIA.

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PART XI.—MILITIA.

TABLE 1.—STATE of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom at the dates of the annual inspections of the several units during the year 1904.

—	By Ranks.											By Arms.										
		Permanent Staff.					Militiamen.															
	Militia Officers.	Officers.	Warrant Officers.	Serjeants.	Trumpeters, Buglers, or Drummers.	Rank and File.	Serjeants.	Corporals, Bombardiers and 2nd Corporals.	Buglers.	Gunners, Drivers, Sappers, and Privates.	All Ranks.	English and Welsh Units.	Scottish Units.	Irish Units.	Total.	Field Artillery.	Garrison Artillery.	Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	All Arms.
†Present at training ..	2,265	297	160	2,813	1,129	95	2,045	3,993	—	74,814	87,611	59,427	10,328	17,856	87,611	392	13,486	2,163	70,875	695	87,611
Absent—																						
With leave	306	3	1	33	9	2	117	239	—	4,356	5,066	3,755	541	770	5,066	23	745	143	4,105	50	5,063
Without leave ..	12	—	—	—	—	—	41	104	—	6,192	6,349	4,645	683	1,016	6,349	45	761	113	5,357	73	6,349
Total strength ..	2,583	300	161	2,846	1,138	97	2,203	4,336	—	85,362	99,026	67,827	11,557	19,642	99,026	460	14,992	2,419	80,337	818	99,026
Establishment, as provided for in Army Estimates ..	3,431	300	162	2,903	1,181	95	2,567	5,294	12	115,637	131,582*	86,592	15,812	29,178	131,582*	432*	18,622	2,564	108,739	1,225	131,582*
Wanting to complete	848	—	1	57	43	—	364	958	12	30,275	32,556	18,765	4,255	9,536	32,556	—	3,630	145	28,402	407	32,556
Supernumerary ..	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	—	—	—	—	—

N.B.—The above table, in detail for each unit, is given in the Militia Training Return for 1904 presented to Parliament.

* Exclusive of the establishment (864 of all ranks) of 2 Brigades (6 Batteries) of Royal Field Artillery (Militia) not yet formed.

† Including recruits drilling at depôts and trained recruits absent with leave.

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TABLE 2.—STRENGTH of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom at the dates of the inspections of the several corps in each year from 1895.

Year.	By Ranks.											English and Welsh Units.	Scottish Units.	Irish Units.	Total.	By Arms.					
	Militia Officers.	Permanent Staff.					Militiamen.				All Ranks.					Royal Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	All Arms.
		Officers.	Warrant Officers.	Sergeants	Drummers, &c.	Rank and File.	Sergeants.	Corporals, Bombardiers and 2nd Corporals.	Buglers.	Privates.											
1895	2,939	289	28	3,017	1,176	—	2,311	4,987	—	103,012	117,789	78,418	14,849	24,522	117,789	—	16,460	2,060	99,008	261	117,789
1896	2,897	290	19	3,055	1,178	—	2,304	4,979	—	103,051	117,773	77,720	14,783	25,270	117,773	—	16,928	1,910	98,650	285	117,773
1897	2,766	285	13	3,049	1,158	—	2,305	4,937	—	100,075	114,588	74,759	14,127	25,702	114,588	—	16,999	2,024	95,173	392	114,588
1898	2,815	282	6	3,024	1,159	—	2,252	4,886	—	99,015	113,439	73,659	13,681	26,096	113,439	—	16,886	2,098	94,114	341	113,439
1899	2,752	284	5	2,974	1,140	—	2,225	4,785	—	95,386	109,551	70,583	12,988	25,980	109,551	—	16,449	2,045	90,784	273	109,551
1900*	2,972	293	4	3,010	1,104	—	2,820	4,828	3	81,191	96,225	65,070	10,953	20,202	96,225	—	15,124	2,009	78,940	152	96,225
1901*	2,838	285	151	2,744	1,066	110	3,283	5,131	—	90,064	105,672	74,253	11,316	20,103	105,672	503	15,396	2,232	87,306	235	105,672
1902*	2,638	296	159	2,811	1,078	101	3,110	5,222	—	98,618	114,063	81,172	12,779	20,112	114,063	483	15,974	2,405	94,418	733	114,063
1903	2,765	301	162	2,806	1,086	91	2,468	4,782	—	91,503	105,964	74,290	11,914	19,760	105,964	434	15,222	2,471	87,095	742	105,964
1904	2,583	300	161	2,846	1,138	97	2,203	4,336	—	85,362	99,026	67,827	11,557	19,612	99,026	460	14,992	2,419	80,337	818	99,026

* During the years 1900, 1901, and 1902, owing to the war in South Africa and there being no inspections, the strength on the 1st July is given.

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MILITIA.

TABLE 3.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom (exclusive of Officers and Permanent Staff) during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1904, by Countries and by Arms.

—	Countries.			Arms.					Total.
	English Units.	Scottish Units.	Irish Units.	Royal Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	
Strength, 1st October 1903	62,455	10,210	17,078	238	13,072	2,049	73,643	741	89,743
Enlisted	27,002	3,605	4,657	199	4,617	716	29,165	567	35,264
Re-enlisted	2,550	504	1,536	7	663	96	3,823	1	4,590
Joined from Desertion	826	189	145	9	157	24	966	4	1,160
Reverted from Reserve Division	28	—	10	—	2	—	36	—	38
Other causes (net) ..	5	—	—	9	44	12	—	—	—
Total Increase..	30,411	4.298	6,348	224	5,483	848	33,990	572	41,052
Died	254	63	108	—	89	16	317	3	425
Discharged :—									
On termination of engagement	7,267	1,271	2,176	4	1,484	176	9,026	24	10,714
As invalids	1,850	290	389	8	383	132	1,997	9	2,529
Recruits rejected after attestation	609	103	299	—	297	89	623	2	1,011
By purchase ..	4,650	461	467	29	563	110	4,779	97	5,578
On conviction of felony	467	65	31	4	80	21	452	6	563
For misconduct other than felony	493	84	71	4	99	18	432	5	558
Mis-statement as to age on attestation	227	39	95	—	18	2	338	3	361
For other causes ..	151	29	30	1	14	5	151	39	210
Total discharged	15,624	2,342	3,558	50	2,938	553	17,798	185	21,524
Struck off as Deserters and Absentees	4,819	839	1,046	49	925	168	5,482	80	6,704
Joined Regular Army	12,262	1,185	1,485	87	1,449	131	12,955	310	14,932
Joined Royal Navy and Royal Marines	620	26	70	8	70	9	594	35	716
Other causes (net) ..	—	5	3	—	—	—	66	2	3
Total Decrease ..	33,579	4,460	6,270	194	5,471	877	37,212	615	44,304
Net Increase ..	—	—	78	30	12	—	—	—	—
Net Decrease ..	3,168	162	—	—	—	29	3,222	43	3,252
Strength, 1st October 1904	59,287	10,048	17,156	268	13,084	2,020	70,421	698	86,491
* Militia Reserve (old)	895	192	400	—	625	35	816	11	1,487
* Special Service Section	412	110	494	—	748	—	262	6	1,016

* Included in Militia strength. Enrolments in the Old Militia Reserve and in the Special Service Section were discontinued from the 1st April, 1901.

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TABLE 4.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the Militia of the United Kingdom (exclusive of Officers and Permanent Staff) during each year from 1895.

Year.	Strength first day of year.	Increase.						Decrease.						Strength first day of following year.
		Enlisted.	Re-enlisted men.	From Desertion.	From Regular Army.	Other causes (net).	Total.	Died.	Discharged.	Struck off as deserters and absentees.	Joined Regular Army, R. Navy, and R. Marines.	Other causes (net).	Total.	
1895..	108,392	35,148	1,947	949	—	—	38,044	422	16,996	7,643	12,900	125	38,086	108,350
1896..	108,350	35,412	2,230	765	—	—	38,407	399	18,165	7,581	12,643	91	38,879	107,878
1897..	107,878	38,246	1,760	902	—	—	40,908	412	19,617	8,417	14,751	28	43,255	105,531
1898..	105,531	40,108	2,019	886	—	—	43,013	383	19,808	8,716	15,963	27	44,897	103,647
1899..	103,647	40,653	2,012	1,069	—	—	43,734	503	22,020	10,144	16,396	188	49,251	98,130
1900..	98,130	37,853	1,342	2,449	1,222*	—	42,866	813	12,064	11,920	23,165	293	48,255	92,741
1901..	92,741	37,644	1,212	1,179	3,537*	—	43,572	852	13,561	3,366	15,662	27	33,468	102,845
1902..	102,845	41,486	2,936	1,224	6,668*	18	52,382	706	22,653	10,454	18,994	—	52,807	102,420
1st Jan. to 30th Sept. 1903..	102,420	25,774	3,623	1,013	29*	104	30,543	352	21,004	9,435	12,429	—	43,220	1st Oct. 89,743
1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.. ..	1st Oct. 89,743	35,264	4,590	1,160	—	35	41,049	425	21,524	6,704	15,618	—	44,301	86,491

* Militia Reserve on Demobilization.

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TABLE 5.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the RESERVE DIVISION of the MILITIA during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1904.

	English and Welsh Units.	Scottish Units.	Irish Units.	Total.	Royal Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	All Arms.
Strength on 1st October, 1903...	3,923	596	533	5,052	26	393	34	4,594	5	5,052
INCREASE:—										
Transfers from Militia on enlistment ..	1,570	312	267	2,149	17	147	20	1,951	14	2,149
Other causes (net)	2	—	1	3	—	—	—	7	—	7
Total increase ..	1,572	312	268	2,152	17	147	20	1,958	14	2,156
DECREASE:—										
Died	36	—	6	42	—	5	—	37	—	42
Discharged:—										
On termination of engagement	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
By purchase ..	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	3	—	3
For misconduct	3	—	1	4	—	—	—	4	—	4
As invalids ..	7	—	2	9	—	2	2	5	—	9
For other causes	3	1	1	5	—	1	—	4	—	5
	16	1	4	21	—	3	2	16	—	21
Struck off as deserters and absentees	6	—	1	7	—	—	—	7	—	7
Joined Regular Army	9	4	1	14	—	1	—	13	—	14
Reverted to Militia	28	—	10	38	—	1	—	37	—	38
Other causes (net)	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	4
Total Decrease..	95	5	22	122	—	13	2	110	1	126
Net increase ..	1,477	307	246	2,030	17	134	18	1,848	13	2,030
Strength on 1st October, 1904 ..	5,400	903	779	7,082	43	527	52	6,442	18	7,082

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TABLE 6.—AGES of the RECRUITS who joined the MILITIA of the United Kingdom during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1904.

Arm.	Country.	Ages of Recruits joined.										
		Under 17 years.	17 to 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	21 to 22 years.	22 to 23 years.	23 to 24 years.	24 to 25 years.	Over 25 years.	Total.
Royal Field Artillery ...	England	—	13	39	36	20	25	19	14	11	22	199
Royal Garrison Artillery ...	England	25	376	719	413	284	222	165	168	184	422	2,978
	Scotland	1	61	83	80	90	61	63	81	86	182	788
	Ireland...	35	106	118	107	82	85	70	72	62	114	851
	Total ...	61	543	920	600	456	368	298	321	332	718	4,617
Royal Engineers	England	9	60	102	60	53	50	45	43	55	289	716
Infantry ...	England	287	8,208	6,539	2,768	1,542	916	673	527	451	725	22,726
	Scotland	33	956	808	362	162	108	70	56	66	72	2,693
	Ireland...	113	1,690	835	373	179	108	100	93	83	172	3,746
	Total ...	433	10,854	8,212	3,503	1,883	1,162	843	676	600	969	29,165
Royal Army Medical Corps	England	2	110	130	40	22	19	14	6	10	30	383
	Scotland	—	60	22	18	12	8	2	2	—	—	124
	Ireland...	2	21	23	4	1	1	3	—	—	5	60
	Total ...	4	191	175	62	35	28	19	8	10	35	567
All Arms ...	England	323	8,767	7,589	3,317	1,921	1,262	916	758	711	1,438	27,002
	Scotland	34	1,077	913	460	264	177	135	139	152	254	3,605
	Ireland...	150	1,817	976	484	262	194	173	165	145	291	4,657
	Total ...	507	11,661	9,478	4,261	2,447	1,633	1,224	1,062	1,008	1,983	35,264

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TABLE 7.—SERVICES of the MEN (exclusive of Permanent Staff) who were STRUCK OFF as DESERTERS or ABSENTEES from the MILITIA of the United Kingdom during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1904.

Arm.	Country.	Under 1 year's service.	1 and under 2 years' service.	2 and under 3 years' service.	3 and under 4 years' service.	4 and under 5 years' service.	5 years' service and upwards.	Total struck off.
Royal Field Artillery	England ..	29	9	6	2	1	2	49
Royal Garrison Artillery	England ..	303	108	42	18	24	25	520
	Scotland ..	91	41	18	21	13	15	199
	Ireland ..	53	51	23	25	17	37	206
	Total	447	200	83	64	54	77	925
Royal Engineers	England ..	68	62	15	8	8	7	168
Infantry	England ..	1,723	951	586	311	258	198	4,027
	Scotland ..	347	103	59	39	34	45	627
	Ireland ..	503	109	77	44	31	64	828
	Total	2,573	1,163	722	394	323	307	5,482
Royal Army Medical Corps	England ..	14	21	12	5	2	1	55
	Scotland ..	8	5	—	—	—	—	13
	Ireland ..	2	1	8	1	—	—	12
	Total	24	27	20	6	2	1	80
All Arms	England ..	2,137	1,151	661	344	293	233	4,819
	Scotland ..	446	149	77	60	47	60	839
	Ireland ..	558	161	108	70	48	101	1,046
	Total ..	3,141	1,461	846	474	388	394	6,704

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TABLE 8.—NUMBER of COURTS-MARTIAL, and NUMBER of MEN (including the Permanent Staff) of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom tried, during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1904.

Arm.	Country.	Number of Men tried.				Number of Trials.			
		Once.	Twice.	Three times.	Total.	General Courts-Martial.	District Courts-Martial.	Regimental Courts-Martial.	Total.
Royal Field Artillery	England ..	11	—	—	11	—	9	2	11
Royal Garrison Artillery	England ..	37	1	—	38	—	25	14	39
	Scotland ..	17	—	—	17	—	8	9	17
	Ireland ..	16	—	—	16	—	9	7	16
	Total ..	70	1	—	71	—	42	30	72
Royal Engineers	England ..	17	—	—	17	—	7	10	17
Infantry ..	England ..	327	3	1	331	—	289	47	336
	Scotland ..	21	—	—	21	—	13	8	21
	Ireland ..	49	1	—	50	—	33	18	51
	Total ..	397	4	1	402	—	335	73	408
Royal Army Medical Corps	England ..	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1
	Scotland ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Ireland ..	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1
	Total ..	2	—	—	2	—	2	—	2
All Arms ..	England ..	393	4	1	398	—	331	73	404
	Scotland ..	38	—	—	38	—	21	17	38
	Ireland ..	66	1	—	67	—	43	25	68
	Total ..	497	5	1	503	—	395	115	510

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TABLE 9.—OFFENCES for which the MEN (including the Permanent Staff) of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom were tried by COURTS-MARTIAL, during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1904, showing number of acquittals, &c., and the PUNISHMENTS inflicted.

Arm.	Country.	Number of Courts-Martial.	Offences for which the men were tried.														Acquitted.	Pardoned.	Sentences wholly remitted.	Sentences quashed.	Punishments inflicted.						
			Offences in relation to			Offences in relation to Enlistment.	Violence and Disobedience to Superiors.	Minor Insubordination and Neglect of Orders.	Quitting or Sleeping on Post.	Drunk on Duty.	Drunkenness.	Disgraceful Conduct.	Absence without leave.	Making away with Necessaries.	Miscellaneous.	Total of Offences.					Penal Servitude.	Reduction to a lower grade or to the Ranks.	Reduction and Imprisonment.	Stoppages, Fine or Forfeiture, without other Punishment.	Imprisonment with or without hard labour.	Discharged with Ignominy without other Punishment.	Total of Punishments inflicted.
			Mutiny.	Desertion.	Fraudulent Enlistment.																						
Royal Field Artillery	England	10	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	5	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	6	—	10
Royal Garrison Artillery	England	39	—	9	1	1	8	1	—	7	2	5	6	4	8	52	3	—	—	—	—	12	1	—	23	—	36
	Scotland	17	—	1	—	—	7	1	—	1	3	—	5	2	4	24	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	8	—	17
	Ireland	16	—	3	1	1	—	2	—	2	3	—	4	3	2	21	1	—	—	—	—	6	—	1	8	—	15
	Total	72	—	13	2	2	15	4	—	10	8	5	15	9	14	97	4	—	—	—	—	27	1	1	39	—	68
Royal Engineers ...	England	17	—	3	—	—	1	1	—	4	1	—	8	1	4	23	1	—	—	1	—	9	—	—	6	—	15
Infantry	England	336	—	87	21	29	17	10	1	14	16	6	126	53	34	414	4	—	1	3	—	48	3	—	277	—	328
	Scotland	21	—	5	1	—	6	3	—	3	3	1	1	5	1	29	—	—	—	—	—	10	1	—	10	—	21
	Ireland	51	—	7	5	—	5	1	—	12	2	1	12	6	9	60	1	—	2	—	—	14	—	—	34	—	48
	Total	408	—	99	27	29	28	14	1	29	21	8	139	64	44	503	5	—	3	3	—	72	4	—	321	—	397
Royal Army Medical Corps ...	England	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	Scotland	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Ireland	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
	Total	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	2
All Arms	England	403	—	103	23	30	26	12	1	25	20	11	145	58	46	500	8	—	1	4	—	72	5	—	313	—	390
	Scotland	38	—	6	1	—	13	4	—	4	6	1	6	7	5	53	—	—	—	—	—	19	1	—	18	—	38
	Ireland	68	—	11	6	1	5	3	—	14	5	1	16	9	11	82	2	—	2	—	—	21	—	1	42	—	64
	Total	509	—	120	30	31	44	19	1	43	31	13	167	74	62	635	10	—	3	4	—	112	6	1	373	—	492

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TABLE 10.—NUMBER of MEN of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom fined for DRUNKENNESS and the NUMBER of FINES inflicted during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1904.

Arm.	Country.	Number of men fined.						Number of Fines inflicted.
		Once.	Twice.	Three times.	Four times.	Five times.	Total of Men fined.	
Royal Field Artillery	England	3	1	—	—	—	4	5
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	England	257	32	2	1	—	292	331
	Scotland	152	10	—	—	—	162	172
	Ireland	103	8	1	—	—	112	122
	Total	512	50	3	1	—	566	625
Royal Engineers ..	England	96	12	3	1	1	113	138
Infantry	England	657	57	13	—	—	727	810
	Scotland	184	27	5	3	—	219	265
	Ireland	197	26	9	—	—	232	276
	Total	1,038	110	27	3	—	1,178	1,351
Royal Army Medical Corps	England	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
	Scotland	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
	Ireland	3	—	—	—	—	3	3
	Total	7	—	—	—	—	7	7
All Arms ..	England	1,016	102	18	2	1	1,139	1,287
	Scotland	337	37	5	3	—	382	438
	Ireland	303	34	10	—	—	347	401
	Total	1,656	173	33	5	1	1,868	2,126

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TABLE 11.—YEARS in which the Engagements of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN (exclusive of the Permanent Staff) of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom on 1st October, 1904, will expire.

Arm.	Country.	Year from 1st October to 30th September						Total.
		1904–1905.	1905–1906.	1906–1907.	1907–1908.	1908–1909.	1909–1910.	
Royal Field Artillery	England	19	12	53	51	52	81	268
Royal Garrison Artillery	England	775	926	850	1,140	1,100	1,507	6,298
	Scotland	324	438	485	475	283	432	2,437
	Ireland	661	792	766	933	573	624	4,349
	Total	1,760	2,156	2,101	2,548	1,956	2,563	13,084
Royal Engineers	England	191	323	321	394	371	420	2,020
Infantry	England	6,271	7,412	7,484	9,422	8,465	11,203	50,257
	Scotland	941	1,109	1,219	1,637	1,199	1,426	7,531
	Ireland	1,821	1,785	2,153	2,536	2,141	2,197	12,633
	Total	9,033	10,306	10,856	13,595	11,805	14,826	70,421
Royal Army Medical Corps	England	18	38	50	84	71	183	444
	Scotland	—	—	—	3	24	53	80
	Ireland	1	1	68	62	4	38	174
	Total	19	39	118	149	99	274	698
All Arms	England	7,274	8,711	8,758	11,091	10,059	13,394	59,287
	Scotland	1,265	1,547	1,704	2,115	1,506	1,911	10,048
	Ireland	2,483	2,578	2,987	3,531	2,718	2,859	17,156
	Total	11,022	12,836	13,449	16,737	14,283	18,164	86,491

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TABLE 12.—AGES of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom (including the Permanent Staff) on 1st October, 1904.

Arm.	Country.	Ages.								Total.
		Under 18 years.	18 and under 19 years.	19 and under 20 years.	20 and under 25 years.	25 and under 30 years.	30 and under 35 years.	35 and under 40 years.	40 years and upwards.	
Royal Field Artillery	England	11	24	31	178	73	37	22	8	384
Royal Garrison Artillery	England	387	513	522	1,885	1,197	970	665	408	6,577
	Scotland	48	79	100	607	623	537	337	210	2,541
	Ireland	206	286	272	972	873	902	680	392	4,583
	Total	641	903	894	3,464	2,693	2,409	1,682	1,010	13,701
Royal Engineers ..	England	34	87	105	646	467	434	190	170	2,133
Infantry ..	England	5,613	6,284	5,343	19,079	6,843	4,561	3,103	1,552	52,378
	Scotland	655	944	735	2,794	1,066	773	594	330	7,891
	Ireland	1,648	1,487	1,006	3,433	1,948	1,678	1,235	829	13,264
	Total	7,916	8,715	7,084	25,306	9,857	7,012	4,932	2,711	73,533
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	England	36	83	52	180	62	29	10	9	461
	Scotland	16	23	20	21	—	1	1	—	82
	Ireland	19	18	23	103	4	11	2	—	180
	Total	71	124	95	304	66	41	13	9	723
All Arms ..	England	6,081	7,021	6,053	21,968	8,642	6,031	3,990	2,147	61,933
	Scotland	719	1,046	855	3,422	1,689	1,311	932	540	10,514
	Ireland	1,873	1,791	1,301	4,508	2,825	2,591	1,917	1,221	18,027
	Total	8,673	9,858	8,209	29,898	13,156	9,933	6,839	3,908	90,474

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TABLE 13.—AGES of the Men of the Reserve Division of the Militia on 1st October, 1904.

Arm.	Country.	25 to 30 years.	30 to 35 years.	35 to 40 years.	40 to 45 years.	45 to 50 years.	Total.
Royal Field Artillery	England ..	—	1	23	19	—	43
Royal Garrison Artillery	England ..	8	53	138	130	40	369
	Scotland ..	3	10	18	11	—	42
	Ireland ..	15	29	42	27	3	116
	Total ..	26	92	198	168	43	527
Royal Engineers ..	England ..	1	3	19	18	11	52
Infantry ..	England ..	147	665	2,084	1,696	326	4,918
	Scotland ..	31	128	380	271	51	861
	Ireland ..	40	110	237	223	53	663
	Total ..	218	903	2,701	2,190	430	6,442
Royal Army Medical Corps	England ..	—	2	9	6	1	18
All Arms ..	England ..	156	724	2,273	1,869	378	5,400
	Scotland ..	34	138	398	282	51	903
	Ireland ..	55	139	279	250	56	779
	Total ..	245	1,001	2,950	2,401	485	7,082

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TABLE 14.—AGES of the Men of the Militia of the United Kingdom (including the Permanent Staff) in each year from 1896, and of the Reserve Division since its formation in 1903.

Year.	Militia.								Reserve Division of the Militia.					
	Under 17 years.	17 and under 19 years.	19 and under 25 years.	25 and under 30 years.	30 and under 35 years.	35 years and over.	Not reported.	Total.	25 and under 30 years.	30 and under 35 years.	35 and under 40 years.	40 and under 45 years.	45 years and over.	Total.
1896, 1st Jan. ..	804	20,918	41,252	19,346	15,065	15,126	—	112,511	—	—	—	—	—	—
1897 „ ..	769	20,317	41,895	18,695	15,235	15,118	—	112,029	—	—	—	—	—	—
1898 „ ..	793	21,048	39,088	18,708	15,001	14,990	—	109,628	—	—	—	—	—	—
1899 „ ..	782	21,937	37,602	17,917	14,904	14,611	—	107,753	—	—	—	—	—	—
1900 „ ..	831	19,606	32,875	16,788	14,027	13,140	4,898	102,165	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901 „ ..	737	18,383	29,791	12,292	10,871	10,855	13,691	96,620	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902 „ ..	663	19,720	40,738	14,837	11,189	13,111	6,616	106,874	—	—	—	—	—	—
1903 „ ..	480	22,790	43,872	15,129	11,333	12,741	—	106,345	—	—	—	—	—	—
1903, 1st October..	17,774		40,900	13,426	10,077	11,657	—	93,834	311	770	2,254	1,536	181	5,052
1904 „ ..	18,531		38,107	13,156	9,933	10,747	—	90,474	245	1,001	2,950	2,401	485	7,082

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TABLE 15.—NATIONALITIES of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN (inclusive of the Permanent Staff) of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom on the 1st October, 1904.

Arm.	Country.	English.			Scottish.			Irish.			Total.
		Born in County in which Corps is localized.	Born elsewhere.	Total.	Born in County in which Corps is localized.	Born elsewhere.	Total.	Born in County in which Corps is localized.	Born elsewhere.	Total.	
Royal Field Artillery	England ..	219	118	337	—	7	7	—	40	40	384
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	England ..	3,935	1,989	5,924	—	416	416	—	237	237	6,577
	Scotland ..	—	182	182	1,491	672	2,163	—	196	196	2,541
	Ireland ..	—	250	250	—	62	62	3,472	799	4,271	4,583
	Total ..	3,935	2,421	6,356	1,491	1,150	2,641	3,472	1,232	4,704	13,701
Royal Engineers ..	England ..	1,435	550	1,985	—	16	16	—	132	132	2,133
Infantry ..	England ..	36,948	11,510	48,458	—	736	736	—	3,184	3,184	52,378
	Scotland ..	—	391	391	5,235	1,668	6,903	—	597	597	7,891
	Ireland ..	—	329	329	—	65	65	9,526	3,344	12,870	13,264
	Total ..	36,948	12,230	49,178	5,235	2,469	7,704	9,526	7,125	16,651	73,533
Royal Army Medical Corps	England ..	322	130	452	—	3	3	—	6	6	461
	Scotland ..	—	6	6	74	—	74	—	2	2	82
	Ireland ..	—	9	9	—	4	4	156	11	167	180
	Total ..	322	145	467	74	7	81	156	19	175	723
All Arms	England ..	42,859	14,297	57,156	—	1,178	1,178	—	3,599	3,599	61,933
	Scotland ..	—	579	579	6,800	2,340	9,140	—	795	795	10,514
	Ireland ..	—	588	588	—	131	131	13,154	4,154	17,308	18,027
	Total ..	42,859	15,464	58,323	6,800	3,649	10,449	13,154	8,548	21,702	90,474

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TABLE 16.—SERVICES of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN of the MILITIA (excluding the Permanent Staff) on the 1st October, 1904.

Arm.	Country.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 6 years.	6 to 7 years.	7 to 8 years.	8 to 9 years.	9 to 10 years.	10 to 11 years.	11 to 12 years.	12 to 13 years.	13 to 14 years.	14 to 15 years.	15 to 16 years.	16 to 17 years.	17 to 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	21 to 22 years.	22 years and over.	Total.
Royal Field Artillery...	England	79	61	40	46	10	11	3	5	3	3	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	268
Royal Garrison Artillery	England	1,863	1,162	806	487	418	335	176	130	131	152	101	77	85	69	56	42	38	45	32	19	12	23	46	6,299
	Scotland	536	294	357	299	185	150	94	83	65	85	50	35	32	37	20	23	13	18	11	10	5	16	19	2,437
	Ireland...	701	582	577	301	270	260	206	173	203	154	122	109	88	90	70	83	50	57	50	49	38	26	89	4,348
	Total ...	3,100	2,038	1,731	1,087	873	745	476	386	399	391	273	221	205	196	146	148	101	120	93	78	55	65	154	13,084
Royal Engineers ...	England	449	373	259	227	206	117	60	47	42	31	38	25	27	25	14	26	19	13	5	5	1	3	8	2,020
Infantry ...	England	13,432	7,640	6,369	5,221	4,903	3,741	1,599	1,095	958	765	779	619	554	489	458	328	236	252	200	172	128	111	204	50,256
	Scotland	1,793	1,356	1,339	772	509	470	219	160	154	97	116	88	73	81	56	29	28	31	45	23	27	15	50	7,531
	Ireland...	3,080	1,971	1,065	794	802	831	549	416	335	299	277	275	227	200	198	169	181	147	157	104	105	104	348	12,631
	Total ...	18,305	10,967	8,773	6,790	6,214	5,042	2,367	1,671	1,447	1,161	1,172	982	854	770	712	526	445	430	402	299	260	230	602	70,421
Royal Army Medical Corps	England	205	59	73	38	34	18	4	1	2	1	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	444
	Scotland	42	35	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	80
	Ireland...	40	16	93	24	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	174
	Total ...	287	110	169	62	34	19	4	1	2	1	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	698
All Arms ...	England	16,028	9,298	7,541	6,022	5,571	4,222	1,842	1,278	1,136	952	928	722	667	583	528	396	293	310	238	196	141	137	258	59,287
	Scotland	2,371	1,685	1,699	1,071	694	620	313	243	219	182	166	123	105	118	76	52	41	49	56	33	32	31	69	10,048
	Ireland...	3,821	2,569	1,735	1,119	1,072	1,092	755	589	538	453	399	384	315	290	268	252	231	204	207	153	143	130	437	17,156
	Total ...	22,220	13,552	10,975	8,212	7,337	5,931	2,910	2,110	1,893	1,587	1,493	1,229	1,087	991	872	700	565	563	501	382	316	298	764	86,491

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TABLE 17.—SERVICES of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN serving on the Permanent Staff of the MILITIA on the 1st October, 1904.

Arm.	Country.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 6 years.	6 to 7 years.	7 to 8 years.	8 to 9 years.	9 to 10 years.	10 to 11 years.	11 to 12 years.	12 to 13 years.	13 to 14 years.	14 to 15 years.	15 to 16 years.	16 to 17 years.	17 to 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	21 to 22 years.	22 years and over.	Total.
Royal Field Artillery ...	England	6	12	7	12	26	15	5	4	2	2	2	1	3	4	5	1	4	2	1	...	...	...	2	116
Royal Garrison Artillery	England	4	16	10	9	2	...	2	3	2	3	3	11	16	9	23	14	37	20	19	16	18	16	25	278
	Scotland	5	6	4	5	1	1	3	...	...	..	3	3	12	13	7	9	9	3	8	3	3	1	5	104
	Ireland	12	12	13	5	...	3	2	5	...	1	2	8	13	15	14	19	25	20	19	9	14	2	22	235
	Total	21	34	27	19	3	4	7	8	2	4	8	22	41	37	44	42	71	43	46	28	35	19	52	617
Royal Engineers	England	2	3	2	5	1	3	...	1	...	1	3	1	...	1	...	3	5	6	6	9	15	11	35	113
Infantry	England	47	52	35	18	15	29	40	25	21	20	42	85	150	124	146	161	187	196	202	161	150	94	122	2,122
	Scotland	4	5	7	2	9	6	4	6	2	3	7	16	23	25	31	32	28	36	33	24	26	14	17	360
	Ireland	14	21	16	8	7	12	10	10	7	8	12	17	19	32	37	60	40	47	51	54	46	35	67	630
	Total	65	78	58	28	31	47	54	41	30	31	61	118	152	181	214	253	255	279	286	239	222	143	206	3,112
Royal Army Medical Corps	England	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	2	2	1	...	2	...	...	2	4	17
	Scotland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
	Ireland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	6
	Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	2	4	2	1	...	2	1	...	2	5	25
All Arms	England	59	83	54	44	44	47	47	33	25	26	50	99	172	138	176	181	231	224	230	186	183	123	188	2,646
	Scotland	9	11	11	7	10	7	7	6	2	3	10	19	35	38	39	41	37	39	41	27	29	15	23	466
	Ireland	26	33	29	13	7	15	12	15	7	9	14	26	33	49	52	79	65	67	70	64	60	37	89	871
	Total	94	127	94	64	61	69	66	54	34	38	74	144	240	225	267	301	333	330	341	277	272	175	300	3,983

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TABLE 18.—RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN (inclusive of the Permanent Staff) of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom, on the 1st October, 1904.

Arm.	Country.	Church of England.	Presbyterians.	Wesleyans.	Baptists or Congregationalists.	Other Protestants not included in the foregoing.	Roman Catholics.	Jews.	Total.
Royal Field Artillery	England ..	232	10	10	2	4	126	—	384
Royal Garrison Artillery	England ..	4,608	87	327	148	102	1,303	2	6,577
	Scotland ..	207	1,268	16	1	1	1,047	1	2,541
	Ireland ..	599	188	18	—	—	3,778	—	4,583
	Total ..	5,414	1,543	361	149	103	6,128	3	13,701
Royal Engineers	England ..	1,221	32	140	99	4	637	—	2,133
Infantry	England ..	38,474	451	2,496	475	385	10,012	85	52,378
	Scotland ..	455	4,883	40	6	10	2,495	2	7,891
	Ireland ..	1,651	396	49	3	1	11,164	—	13,264
	Total ..	40,580	5,730	2,585	484	396	23,671	87	73,533
Royal Army Medical Corps	England ..	370	2	20	—	3	64	2	461
	Scotland ..	9	63	—	—	—	10	—	82
	Ireland ..	60	44	4	1	—	71	—	180
	Total ..	439	109	24	1	3	145	2	723
All Arms	England ..	44,905	582	2,993	724	498	12,142	89	61,933
	Scotland ..	671	6,214	56	7	11	3,552	3	10,514
	Ireland ..	2,310	628	71	4	1	15,013	—	18,027
	Total ..	47,886	7,424	3,120	735	510	30,707	92	90,474

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PART XII.—IMPERIAL YEOMANRY.

Table 1.—State of the Imperial Yeomanry at the dates of the annual inspections of the several corps during the year 1904.

	Yeomanry Officers.	Permanent Staff.		Yeomen.			All Ranks.	All Ranks.			
		Officers (Adjutants).	Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Trumpeters.	Rank and File.		English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Total.
Present at inspection ..	1,072	56	289	1,717	345	21,153	24,632	19,695	4,109	828	24,632
Absent from inspection:											
With leave	158	1	—	114	11	2,012	2,296	1,947	286	63	2,296
Without leave ..	2	—	—	4	—	454	460	357	92	11	460
Total strength	1,232	57	289	1,835	356	23,619	27,388	21,999	4,487	902	27,388
*Establishment as provided for in Army Estimates ..	1,538	58	290	2,030	464	23,258	27,638*	22,372	4,314	952	27,638*
Wanting to complete ..	306	1	1	195	108	—	250	373	—	50	250
Supernumerary	—	—	—	—	—	361	—	—	173	—	—

* Exclusive of the establishment of one Regiment not formed (476 of all ranks).

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TABLE 2.—STRENGTH of the IMPERIAL YEOMANRY‡ at the dates of the annual inspections of the several corps in each year from 1895.

Year.	Yeomanry Officers.	Permanent Staff.		Yeomen.			All Ranks.	English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Total.
		Officers. (Adjutants)	Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Trumpeters.	Rank and File.					
1895	602	20	145	911	192	7,875	9,745	8,862	883	—	9,745
1896	621	18	145	897	187	8,316	10,184*	9,250	934	—	10,184*
1897	617	19	146	912	190	8,307	10,191	9,255	936	—	10,191
1898	628	19	147	886	190	8,337	10,207	9,277	930	—	10,207
1899	635	19	148	905	184	8,223	10,114	9,234	880	—	10,114
1900	536	18	125	848	170	8,450	10,147†	9,321	826	—	10,147†
1901	680	35	158	993	174	11,161	13,201†	12,194	1,007	—	13,201†
1902	939	50	243	1,488	289	18,831	21,840†	19,949	1,891	—	21,840†
1903	1,180	57	284	1,742	324	22,785	26,372	22,126	3,790	456	26,372
1904	1,232	57	289	1,835	356	23,619	27,388	21,999	4,487	902	27,388

* One regiment and one squadron were not inspected in 1896, but their enrolled strength on 1st July is included.
† Exclusive of the Imperial Yeomanry in South Africa (who were serving on *Army* engagements).
‡ The title of the force was changed from Yeomanry Cavalry to Imperial Yeomanry by Royal Warrant dated 15th April, 1901 (Army Order 109 of 1901).

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TABLE 3.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the IMPERIAL YEOMANRY (exclusive of Officers and Permanent Staff) during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1904.

—	Yeomen.			
	English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Total.
Strength on 1st October, 1903	20,960	3,539	404	24,903
INCREASE:—				
Enlisted	3,841	1,245	461	5,547
Re-enlisted	5	—	—	5
Joined from desertion ..	3	1	—	4
Other causes	—	—	2	2
Total Increase ..	3,849	1,246	463	5,558
DECREASE:—				
Died	62	13	—	75
Discharged—				
On termination of engagement	2,426	324	—	2,750
As invalids	128	11	—	139
Recruits rejected after attestation	67	11	2	80
By purchase	1,023	152	10	1,185
On conviction of felony	5	3	1	9
For misconduct other than felony	67	17	1	85
For other causes ..	35	6	—	41
Total discharged ..	3,751	524	14	4,289
Struck off as deserters ..	361	56	7	424
Joined { Regular Army ..	106	19	2	127
Joined { Royal Navy and Marines ..	14	1	—	15
Other causes	23	6	—	29
Total Decrease ..	4,317	619	23	4,959
Net Increase	—	627	440	599
Net Decrease	468	—	—	—
Strength on 1st October, 1904	20,492	4,166	844	25,502

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TABLE 4.—AGES of the IMPERIAL YEOMANRY (exclusive of Officers and Permanent Staff) on the 1st October, 1904.

—	English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Total.
17 and under 18 years ..	285	117	77	479
18 „ 19 „ ..	1,125	217	83	1,425
19 „ 20 „ ..	1,556	387	53	1,996
20 „ 21 „ ..	2,076	414	105	2,595
21 „ 22 „ ..	2,131	355	105	2,591
22 „ 23 „ ..	1,840	327	51	2,218
23 „ 24 „ ..	1,737	349	102	2,188
24 „ 25 „ ..	1,457	333	34	1,824
25 „ 26 „ ..	1,269	212	47	1,528
26 „ 27 „ ..	1,083	247	45	1,375
27 „ 28 „ ..	942	175	31	1,148
28 „ 29 „ ..	859	190	24	1,073
29 „ 30 „ ..	769	166	15	950
30 „ 35 „ ..	1,693	227	52	1,972
35 „ 40 „ ..	848	258	17	1,123
40 „ 45 „ ..	490	137	2	629
45 „ 50 „ ..	302	55	1	358
50 years and upwards ..	30	—	—	30
Total ..	20,492	4,166	844	25,502

TABLE 5.—PAST SERVICES of the IMPERIAL YEOMANRY (exclusive of Officers and Permanent Staff) on the 1st October, 1904.

—	English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Total.
Under 1 year	3,694	1,166	460	5,320
1 and under 2 years ..	4,815	1,908	349	7,072
2 „ 3 „ ..	6,611	478	30	7,119
3 „ 4 „ ..	2,245	276	3	2,524
4 „ 5 „ ..	841	74	—	915
5 „ 6 „ ..	429	40	—	469
6 „ 7 „ ..	338	41	—	379
7 „ 8 „ ..	277	23	—	300
8 „ 9 „ ..	193	21	1	215
9 „ 10 „ ..	188	17	1	206
10 „ 15 „ ..	374	57	—	431
15 „ 20 „ ..	242	32	—	274
20 years and upwards ..	245	33	—	278
Total	20,492	4,166	844	25,502

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PART XIII.—VOLUNTEERS.

Further information will appear in the Annual Return of the Volunteer Corps of Great Britain.

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PART XIII.—VOLUNTEERS.

TABLE 1.—STRENGTH of the VOLUNTEER FORCE in GREAT BRITAIN (including the Permanent Staff) by ARMS, 1st November, 1904* (Preliminary†).

Arm.	Establishment provided for in Army Estimates (all Ranks).	Efficients.		Non-efficients (all Ranks).	Total. (all Ranks).	Proficients who have earned the special grant.			Officers who have earned the grant for Tactics or Artillery.	Who have earned the grant for Supply Duties.		Present at Inspection.
		Officers.	Non-Com. Officers and Men.			Officers.	Sergeants.	Total.		Officers.	Non-Com. Officers.	
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	50,649	1,644	38,045	2,041	41,730	1,314	2,745	4,059	637	—	—	33,591
Royal Engineers—												
Fortress and Railway ..	19,303	558	14,641	875	16,074	413	927	1,340	73	—	—	12,701
Submarine Miners	1,885	95	1,739	87	1,921	—	—	—	4	—	—	1,797
Infantry (Rifle)	264,722	6,274	176,529	6,029	188,832	5,111	11,507	16,618	1,177	25	22	148,225
Brigade Bearer Companies ..	2,990	57	1,673	58	1,788	54	178	232	—	—	—	1,556
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	3,623	118	2,938	206	3,262	93	252	345	—	—	20	2,641
Motor Corps	203	32	119	4	155	31	—	31	—	—	—	—
All Arms	343,375	8,778	235,684	9,300	253,762	7,016	15,609	22,625	1,891	25	42	200,511
		244,462										

* The 1st November is the commencement of the Volunteer Year.

† This table is subject to alteration as a result of the examination of the annual capitation claims of Volunteer Units. The corrected figures will appear in the Annual Return of the Volunteer Corps of Great Britain.

N.B.—Members of Cadet Corps who are enrolled Volunteers, but who are for administrative purposes under the Officer Commanding the Cadet Corps, are supernumerary to the establishments given above, but are included in the strengths.

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TABLE 2.—TOTAL of all ARMS in VOLUNTEER FORCE in GREAT BRITAIN (including the Permanent Staff), on 1st November in each year since 1895.

Year.	Establishment. All Ranks.	All Ranks.			Proficients who have qualified for the Special Grant.			Officers who have Passed in Tactics or Artillery, and have qualified for the Special Grant.	Who have Passed in Signalling and have qualified for the Special Grant.		Who have Passed in Supply Duties and have qualified for the Special Grant.		Present at Inspection	Percentage of Efficients to Enrolled.	Percentage Present at Inspection to numbers Enrolled on 1st Nov. following.
		Efficient.	Non-Efficient.	Total.	Officers.	Sergeants.	Total.		Officers.	Non-Com. Officers.	Officers.	Non-Com. Officers.			
1895	260,968	224,962	6,742	231,704	6,124	13,601	19,725	1,433	32	54	10	20	198,673	97·09	85·74
1896	262,037	229,034	7,025	236,059	6,229	13,623	19,852	1,528	27	40	9	20	204,229	97·02	86·52
1897	262,558	225,206	6,592	231,798	6,306	13,629	19,935	1,605	13	22	11	28	197,645	97·16	85·27
1898	262,580	224,300	6,378	230,678	6,388	13,657	20,045	1,694	10	17	14	25	198,376	97·24	86·00
1899	263,416	223,921	5,933	229,854	6,476	13,638	20,114	1,816	9	18	14	21	196,756	97·42	85·60
1900	339,511	270,369	7,259	277,628	7,357	15,110	22,467	1,874	9	17	7	16	231,974	97·39	83·56
1901	342,003	281,062	7,414	288,476	7,574	15,593	23,167	1,971	16	99	7	17	242,103	97·43	83·93
1902	345,547	256,451	12,099	268,550	7,522	15,755	23,277	1,995	18	154	13	13	208,083	95·49	77·48
1903	346,171	242,104	11,177	253,281	7,107	15,651	22,758	1,921	20	204	15	19	195,508	95·59	77·19
1904*	343,375	244,462	9,300	253,762	7,016	15,609	22,625	1,891	†	†	25	42	200,511	96·34	79·02

* The figures for 1904 are subject to alteration as a result of the examination of the annual capitation claims of Volunteer units. The corrected figures will appear in the Annual Return of the Volunteer Corps of Great Britain.

† In 1904 the Signalling grant was awarded as a regimental allowance, and not as a capitation grant.

N.B.—Members of Cadet Corps who are enrolled Volunteers, but who are for administrative purposes under the Officer Commanding the Cadet Corps, are supernumerary to the establishments given above, but are included in the strengths.

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APPENDIX F.

To Annual Report on Recruiting.

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APPENDIX F—*continued.*

(*e*) Boys Under 17 Years.

District.	Boys under 17 years.	
	Inspections.	Rejections.
North Eastern	26	3
	50	15
North Western	60	15
	67	15
Eastern	41	2
	43	8
Western	49	14
	58	18
Southern	24	2
	30	3
Netley	1	—
	—	—
Thames	32	4
	24	2
South Eastern	33	4
	63	10
Home	113	18
	136	15
Woolwich	51	9
	53	13
Aldershot	40	5
	50	8
Salisbury Plain	1	1
	1	1
Channel Isles	8	1
	5	—
Scottish	18	5
	26	8
Belfast	19	4
	7	—
Dublin	25	—
	37	—
Dublin District Staff	2	—
	4	1
Cork	14	1
	18	5
Total	1,229	210

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way Com	Contract Navvie &c.	Indoor.			1 Casuals.		Total.	
		Sugar.		Tin	(b) Country.			
Inspections.		Inspections.	Rejections.	Inspections.	Inspections.	Rejections.	Inspections.	Rejections.
14								
17		—	—	1	50	20	787	242
43		—	—	—	22	9	1,232	429
19		—	—	—	91	25	1,589	614
7		—	—	—	89	31	1,999	707
4		—	—	—	27	7	457	109
4		—	—	—	16	1	529	122
9		—	—	—	25	8	383	137
6		—	—	12	18	2	493	172
2		—	—	—	17	6	220	44
—		—	—	—	6	1	279	56
—		—	—	—	—	—	1	—
—		—	—	—	—	—	2	—
1		—	—	—	9	3	98	35
11		—	—	—	8	2	84	29
3		—	—	—	18	8	165	49
87		—	—	—	16	4	193	67
44		4	2	5	20	7	1,145	538
7		—	—	6	71	36	1,682	748
1		—	—	—	25	3	194	66
2		—	—	—	—	—	224	83
3		—	—	1	4	1	30	7
—		—	—	—	1	1	63	34
—		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—		—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—		—	—	—	—	—	6	3
3		—	—	—	—	—	6	2
12		—	—	—	18	3	426	146
12		—	—	2	7	3	529	154
1		—	—	—	13	3	224	73
—		—	—	—	24	15	299	102
—		—	—	—	—	—	83	39
—		—	—	—	50	22	266	91
—		—	—	—	1	—	34	13
4		—	—	—	—	—	87	22
2		—	—	6	9	6	204	63
		—	—	—	14	7	232	101
318		2		33	669	234	14,245	5,097

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APPENDIX F—*continued.*

(*c*) Occupations Classified Separately.

District.	Carmen and Carters (Town).		Coster-mongers and Hawkers.		Fishermen.		Boatmen.		Porters. General, Heavy.		Porters. General, Light.		Telegraph Messengers and Postmen.		Railway Porters.		Domestic Servants. Indoor.		Domestic Servants. Outdoor.		Tradesmen's Assistants. Indoor.		Tradesmen's Assistants. Outdoor.		Builders' Assistants.		Barmen and Cellarmen.		Clerks.		Total.	
	Inspections.	Rejections.	Inspections.	Rejections.	Inspections.	Rejections.	Inspections.	Rejections.	Inspections.	Rejections.	Inspections.	Rejections.	Inspections.	Rejections.	Inspections.	Rejections.	Inspections.	Rejections.	Inspections.	Rejections.	Inspections.	Rejections.	Inspections.	Rejections.	Inspections.	Rejections.	Inspections.	Rejections.	Inspections.	Rejections.	Inspections.	Rejections.
North Eastern	35	10	9	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	1	14	8	18	5	38	8	43	17	10	—	—	—	1	1	43	12	214	63
	69	15	9	1	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	—	3	1	5	1	20	5	67	14	35	5	6	—	3	—	1	1	36	16	259	59
North Western	138	59	24	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	10	6	29	13	46	17	90	32	77	26	8	1	—	—	32	11	118	47	579	224
	208	77	33	15	—	—	—	—	21	9	8	1	6	—	22	10	28	12	61	19	109	45	5	1	—	—	13	4	67	20	581	213
Eastern	31	10	6	2	—	—	—	—	5	1	5	1	—	—	1	—	13	7	37	4	16	7	3	1	4	—	3	1	12	5	136	39
	26	8	3	—	4	2	—	—	15	3	9	3	—	—	—	—	14	2	36	7	5	2	12	2	—	—	4	1	12	1	140	31
Western	46	14	3	2	1	1	1	—	—	—	7	6	3	3	13	3	19	7	47	14	19	4	3	—	5	2	2	—	50	15	219	71
	64	20	4	2	9	1	—	—	5	1	13	3	1	1	9	1	20	6	32	7	29	6	2	1	—	—	1	—	40	13	229	62
Southern	26	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	3	6	1	—	—	3	—	14	3	14	1	9	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	4	97	17
	23	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	8	3	5	2	5	3	19	2	29	6	32	6	2	1	—	—	2	1	20	6	149	36
Netley..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thames	13	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	2	1	1	3	2	5	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	7	37	18
	10	1	3	1	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	1	5	2	8	3	—	—	—	—	4	2	6	1	43	13
South Eastern	12	5	5	1	—	—	—	—	6	1	19	7	1	—	2	—	8	1	16	7	22	9	1	—	—	—	5	—	23	5	120	36
	14	3	9	1	—	—	—	—	29	15	1	—	2	—	4	3	17	11	20	5	19	6	13	4	—	—	3	1	18	7	149	56
Home	291	136	68	32	—	—	1	—	25	11	76	37	9	3	46	14	114	49	120	49	164	70	38	16	—	—	14	10	195	93	1,161	520
	342	151	62	30	—	—	1	1	141	72	56	24	5	4	40	18	113	42	84	43	125	68	53	25	—	—	43	21	185	89	1,250	588
Woolwich	41	13	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33	10	1	—	—	—	12	4	3	2	21	7	8	3	6	3	—	—	18	4	149	46
	42	16	4	1	—	—	—	—	20	6	15	7	—	—	—	—	19	7	6	1	5	2	4	—	6	4	9	5	27	6	157	55
Aldershot	8	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	1	9	5	1	—	2	2	—	—	2	2	15	9	41	23
	15	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	2	—	10	4	1	—	2	1	—	—	1	—	25	9	58	24
Salisbury Plain	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	2	1
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Channel Isles..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	10	5
Scottish	64	21	3	1	7	—	—	—	10	3	1	1	4	1	8	—	2	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	39	15	235	84
	202	62	2	—	3	—	—	—	26	10	17	10	—	—	17	6	25	9	17	6	45	21	2	2	2	1	8	3	39	15	235	84
Belfast	18	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	2	4	1	5	1	24	7	—	—	—	—	5	1	25	8	396	130
	28	10	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	11	7	3	—	7	2	13	9	6	—	31	11	1	—	9	5	—	—	22	9	77	28
Dublin..	12	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	40	19	—	—	—	—	8	3	—	—	—	—	40	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	2	119	47
	24	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	10	126	51
Dublin District Staff.. ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	54	14	86	26
	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	3	2	15	4
Cork	1	1	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	7	3	—	—	4	—	3	1	7	2	7	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	17	7
	5	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	22	9	1	—	3	2	4	2	13	6	14	5	3	1	—	—	—	—	17	5	51	14
Total	1,818	678	256	103	28	5	3	1	364	156	328	133	60	23	247	92	579	217	819	265	956	364	185	63	35	15	156	66	1,164	449	6,998	2,630

APPENDIX F—*continued.*

(*d*) Professional Occupations, Students, Etc.

District.	Actors.		Chemists.		Dentists.		Draughtsmen.		Electricians.		Engineers.		Farmers.		Musicians.		Photographers.		Policemen.		Schoolmasters and Teachers.		Students. Law.		Students. Medical.		Students. Various.		Surveyors.		Seamen.		Telegraphists.		Occupations (Various).		Total.	
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North Eastern	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	11	1
	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	3	1	1	—	12	3
North Western	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	47	16	—	—	—	—	56	18
	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	1	—	4	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	40	14	4	—	2	2	58	22
Eastern	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	6	1	4	—	—	—	16	1
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Western	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	14	8	1	1	—	—	24	12
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	2	1	1	—	9	2	—	—	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	21	5
Southern	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	9	2	—	—	1	—	12	2
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Home	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	1	3	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	29	10	3	2	5	2	73	30
	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	4	—	—	1	—	17	7	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	9	1
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Aldershot	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	14	—
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Belfast	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	7	1
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2
Dublin..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1
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Total	5	2	4	1	4	—	6	2	13	5	5	2	3	1	96	20	5	4	7	1	29	5	2	1	7	3	8	2	17	3	202	64	48	18	18	5	479	139

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NOTE ON THE MODIFICATIONS INTRODUCED INTO THIS YEAR'S RETURN.

The Report of the Director of Recruiting and Organization, which has been reprinted in the General Annual Report since 1903, has this year been printed as the first section of the book, the statistical tables being all brought together to form the second section.

More detailed information has been given in many of the tables, more especially in the tables for past years, which have been arranged on the same plan as those for the current year.

Thus the table of increase and decrease of the army for ten years, on pp. 46 and 47, now shows the recruits according to the terms of service for which they enlisted and the men discharged according to the causes of discharge.

The increase and decrease table of the Militia has been treated in the same manner (p. 117).

The numerical strength in the Colonies has been given in detail (p. 49) instead of merely as a total, as in former years.

The numbers of recruits raised by different agencies and the numbers rejected before final approval are given for past years as well as for the current year (p. 58).

The casualties in the first three months' service and the ages of recruits on attestation are given separately for each arm, instead of merely in the form of a total (pp. 60 and 64).

The table showing the recruits who have joined during the past ten years has been recast so as to show the short service recruits for each arm according to the term of their original colour engagement.

The table showing the number of men in each year of service (without regard to the terms of their engagement) has been re-inserted (p. 86).

The tables relative to the Army Reserve have been rendered in considerably greater detail: Section D has been separated from the other sections throughout; a new table showing the increase and decrease of the Reserve by arms for the past year has been inserted (p. 107), and that for previous years is now shown for ten years instead of five (p. 108); the table showing the strength at the beginning of each quarter of last year shows sections A, B, and D separately for each arm (p. 109).

The table showing the strength of the Reserve for the past ten years has been abolished, because the increase and decrease table for the past ten years now gives sufficient information on this head.

A table has been inserted (p. 128) showing the services of the Permanent Staff of the Auxiliary Forces (a similar table, but for the Militia only, was introduced last year).

Separate figures are shown this year for the Channel Islands Militia, the Bermuda Militia and Volunteers, and the Royal Malta Militia (pp. 114, 128, 133).

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SECTION I.

ANNUAL REPORT OF RECRUITING FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1905.

ARMY AND MILITIA.

War Office, January 31, 1906.

Adjutant-General to the Forces.

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on Recruiting for the year ended the 30th September, 1905. The Report is divided into four parts:—

I.—General Observations and Recruiting for the Regular Army.

II.—Army Reserve.

III.—Militia, Reserve of Militia, and Imperial Yeomanry.

IV.—Civil Employment of Discharged Soldiers and Reservists.

I.—General Observations and Recruiting for the Army.

Recruiting results for the year.

1. The number of recruits who joined the Regular Army, excluding those for Colonial Corps, for the twelve months under review amounted to 35,351, and for the Militia 29,941, showing a decrease both for the Regular Army and Militia as compared to the previous twelve months.

Observations on Establishments and Recruiting.

2. Owing to the large reduction in Establishments effected on the 1st April, 1904, the Army on that date was in excess of Establishment. In addition to this, the Establishment at home was congested owing to the fact that battalions were filled with men who had not extended their service and who were ineligible to proceed abroad as drafts.

During the past recruiting year, the Mounted Arms had to a considerable extent absorbed the excesses in Establishment which had prevailed since the war; it was therefore necessary to cancel the several circulars permitting men to be prematurely transferred to the Reserve. This permission as regards Cavalry soldiers at home was cancelled in December, 1904. In the following March instructions were sent to the General Officers Commanding in South Africa and Egypt, that conversions of service of soldiers belonging to the Cavalry, and Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery, were to cease, and that soldiers who at the expiration of their seventh year of service were abroad, were to be held for the extra year in accordance with the terms of their attestation. Similar instructions were issued as regards the Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery at home.

The transfer to the Reserve of men in these arms of the service was thus brought down to the normal conditions provided for by regulations, and the absorption of the surplus which existed in the Cavalry of the Line and the Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery has

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enabled recruiting for these arms to be gradually re-opened from December, 1904, and since January to come into full operation.

In the beginning of the year the Royal Engineers were considerably in excess of Establishment. To reduce this surplus: to increase the Reserve: and at the same time allow recruiting to continue, permission for a limited period was given to non-commissioned officers and men, except submarine miners, to convert their Colour into Reserve service, provided the applicants had over two years' service.

In January last, for the same reasons, in order to prevent an excess on the British Establishment, a circular was issued permitting those soldiers who, having extended their service to complete eight years with the Colours had a few months unexpired service to complete on arrival home, to pass at once to the Reserve if they so desired. The circular was cancelled in the following July.

In the same month, permission was given to non-extended men of the Infantry of the Line who had enlisted for three years' Colour service since April, 1902, to convert their Colour into Reserve service, provided that they were so desirous and had entered upon their third year of service. This concession was revoked in the case of 18 Infantry units in April, 1905, and for all the remainder on the 27th May, 1905, by which time 4,911 men had availed themselves of the privilege.

In May last, the concession which had been in force since the 1st October, 1904, permitting men of the Infantry of the Line at home to pass prematurely to the Reserve after five years' Colour service, provided they could previously obtain a definite promise of employment irrespective of their character while serving, was cancelled.

The premature passing of so many men to the Army Reserve had the necessary effect of reducing the Establishment within the numbers voted by Parliament. As regards Infantry, it permitted men enlisted for 3 years to be replaced by recruits enlisted for a longer term who would be available for drafts.

To restrict Infantry recruiting for those units which were in excess of Establishment, and at the same time not to stop it entirely, instructions were issued under which certain specified units were allowed to enlist recruits at a slightly higher chest measurement than that laid down in the Recruiting Regulations. The period for which these instructions remained in force varied according to the requirements of each individual unit and the wastage to the Reserve of the men serving therein.

Changes in the Recruiting Service.

3. The following important changes have taken place in connection with the recruiting service during the past year. The special Army Order of the 6th January, 1905, re-organizing the military commands and staff in the United Kingdom, has made a material alteration in the conduct of recruiting. Prior to the issue of this order every regimental district was in charge of a colonel, who, in addition to his other duties had the supervision of recruiting within his command. Owing to the amalgamation of regimental districts, there is now one colonel in charge of recruiting over a number of regimental grouped districts.

Districts and Depôts.

The effect of this system is that while the supervision of recruiting remains under the control of a senior officer, its actual administration in any regimental district is placed in the charge of a Major Commanding an Infantry Depôt. It will thus be seen that recruiting is more immediately under the control of a staff of younger officers. These officers have the interest of their own regiments fully at heart, and the supervision on the part of the officer in charge of

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recruiting in the grouped regimental district should ensure that recruiting for non-territorial corps does not suffer.

4. A new departure in recruiting has been made during the year by the appointment of eight retired officers as recruiting officers in large towns where it was considered that the population was such that good recruiting results might be expected. In each of the towns where these officers have been appointed there was already some recruiting staff, and it is hoped that the results obtained will show a permanent improvement, and that these officers will also render useful aid in the important matter of the provision of civil employment for ex-soldiers. Appointment of Retired Officers.

As regards the result, in four cases recruiting has increased in the actual town in which these retired officers have been appointed, although the regimental district itself shows a decrease in gross totals. In another district the results show a material increase and an increase also in the regimental district. In three cases a decrease is shown in the town, but in each case the results of the regimental district have fallen off very considerably.

5. Pensioner conductors have been substituted for the conducting staff which has hitherto existed. This change has affected a considerable saving in actual pay and future pensions, while in no way impairing the efficiency of the recruiting service. Pensioner Conductors

6. In February last a very important step was taken by the appointment of an officer of the Royal Army Medical Corps as Medical Inspector of Recruits in each command. The object of these appointments is to assist the Principal Medical Officer in his duty in connection with recruiting, and to aid General Officers Commanding-in-Chief and Officers Commanding recruiting areas in co-ordinating the physical standards for Regulars, Militia, Yeomanry, and Volunteers. It is hoped by these appointments to obviate the inconveniences which result from the diversity of opinion and practice as to the eligibility of recruits. The Inspector makes frequent visits to depôts and other recruiting centres, and pays special attention to the method of physical training. His duty is to supervise the system of Physical Training so as to ensure that the physical development of the recruit is attained without undue strain upon his constitution. Medical Inspectors of recruits.

The reports from the General Officers Commanding in the several Commands show that these appointments have been received with general satisfaction, and that the service has benefited by them. The result has been to obtain a more uniform system of medical inspection in all the districts and an increased medical supervision over the recruit after enlistment.

7. A system was initiated in one command under which all Regimental District Commanders are empowered to re-examine recruits received from out-stations and to discharge unsatisfactory ones, if possible, before the issue of a free kit. A memorandum was sent to all other Commands at Home explaining the system in case other General Officers thought it advisable to adopt the same procedure. Examination of recruits.

8. With a view of enabling recruits of mounted corps to be fitted for the hard work which necessarily falls upon them, instructions have been sent that all recruits should complete their twelve weeks' course of physical training before being placed on other duties, and that nothing should be allowed to interfere with the completion of this course. Recruits can be trained in gun drills, or on horse-back in mounted gymnastics, &c., but it is considered essential first of all to thoroughly develop them physically before prematurely exercising them on horse-back and in stable duties. Physical training of recruits.

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Standard of vision.

9. The Report of the Committee on the Standard of Vision for Recruits has been the subject of careful consideration during the past year. The new system recommended for adoption has been tried at St. George's Barracks, London, with satisfactory results, and it is now proposed to adopt the system generally throughout the service.

Characters for recruits.

10. Reports received from the districts show the value to the service of the production of characters for recruits on enlistment. By the aid of the Home Office, instructions have been issued to the police to assist in verifying characters given where there has been any difficulty on the subject. Cases still occur of the production of false characters and of undesirable men being enabled to enter the Army by this means. A Bill was prepared and laid before Parliament last Session dealing with this important question, and it is much to be regretted that the Bill was dropped. Until such legislation is carried out it will be impossible to thoroughly safeguard the service from the entry into it of undesirable characters.

The institution of the character system was made with the approval of Parliament, and the necessary powers will, it is hoped, be taken to make the system effective, and prevent it from being evaded.

Recruiting Houses.

11. The provision of more suitable houses for Recruiting purposes in large towns has been proceeded with, but the transfer of the Recruiting Establishment from St. George's Barracks, London, to a more desirable locality, has made no progress during the past year. Negotiations for the lease of better recruiting premises at Birmingham are nearly completed, and a new recruiting house has been taken in Dundee, from which satisfactory results are expected.

Terms of service.

12. The following changes of terms of service have taken place during the year:—

Infantry of the Line, October, 1904.—From three years with the Colours and nine in the Reserve to nine years with the Colours and three in the Reserve.

Cavalry of the Line, January, 1905.—From three years with the Colours and nine in the Reserve to eight years with the Colours and four in the Reserve. *September*, 1905.—From eight years with the Colours and four in the Reserve to seven years with the Colours and five in the Reserve, and the stipulation re-inserted in the attestation that in the case of a soldier serving abroad he is liable for the extra year's service if required.

Royal Garrison Artillery, January, 1905.—Except for Artificers, from three years with the Colours and nine in the Reserve to nine years with the Colours and three in the Reserve.

The Royal Engineers (Drivers), April, 1905.—From three years with the Colours and nine in the Reserve to two years with the Colours and ten in the Reserve.

Alteration of Standard.

13. The effect of the adoption of a three years' term of enlistment for the Cavalry of the Line and the Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery as regards wastage has been fully felt since April last. In order to keep pace by recruiting with the large number of men passing to the Reserve on completion of their three years' term of service, it was found necessary in September last to lower the standard of height for drivers by 1 inch, the chest measurement remaining as before.

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14. The Short Histories of the Territorial Regiments which had been under revision since the war in South Africa have now been completed and brought up to date, and an issue made to each territorial district, so that copies may be supplied to all public reading rooms, libraries, and parish rooms of the several villages in each territorial area. Short Histories of Regiments.

15. Recruiting for the Cavalry of the Line having been generally re-opened since January last, the figures naturally show a very large increase over those for 1903–4, viz., 2,375 as compared with 489. On the re-opening of Cavalry recruiting it was decided that recruits under 20 were not to exceed 10 stone 7 lbs. in weight, while if over 20 years of age, they were not to exceed 11 stone. To obtain recruits of the necessary class and intelligence, instructions were issued that no recruits were to be accepted who could not write, and recruiting officers were informed that it was not sufficient that Cavalry recruits should merely comply with the standards laid down in the Recruiting Regulations, but that the approving officer was responsible that the recruits taken were, as far as could be judged, suitable for the arm of the service in which they wished to serve. Observations on recruiting for the several arms. Cavalry.

Owing to the long period during which Cavalry recruiting has been suspended, it has taken some time to again attract a flow of recruits to this arm.

16. *Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery.*—During the years of the War, the increase in establishments was made good, and at the termination of the War this arm was considerably in excess of Establishment. R.H. and R. Field Artillery.

Throughout 1903–4 it was practically closed for "Drivers" and partially for Gunners.

This year—especially from the commencement of 1905—recruiting has been gradually opened to the Royal Horse Artillery and generally opened to the Royal Field Artillery.

17. *Royal Garrison Artillery.*—This arm, which had been open during the preceding year, was partially closed during six months of the current year. It was considerably in excess of Establishment at the termination of last trooping season, the ratio of extensions of three years' men being larger than in other arms. Royal Garrison Artillery.

The result of this is shown in the reversal of the numbers obtained for the Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery, and for the Royal Garrison Artillery respectively in the two years referred to.

18. The Royal Engineers have been gradually opened to Recruiting during the past year, after being entirely closed for seven months. Royal Engineers.

19. Recruiting for the Foot Guards, while showing a decided increase over the numbers taken for the corresponding period of the previous year, has not been sufficient to bring the several regiments up to Establishment. Foot Guards.

20. Recruiting for the Infantry of the Line shows a very considerable decrease over the numbers taken during the previous year. Infantry of the Line.

The figures for October, 1904, as compared with the corresponding month of 1903, showed a falling off of no less than 768 recruits. The three years' term of enlistment was replaced by a nine years' term in November, 1904. For the two following months after the alteration made in the terms of service the falling off was not so marked, but for no month of the period under review has Infantry recruiting been better than in the corresponding month of the preceding year.

The falling off is chiefly to be attributed to the general re-opening of recruiting for the Mounted corps.

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The first two quarters of the calendar year were those in which the falling off in recruiting for Infantry of the Line was most marked. For these two quarters the percentage of medical rejections showed a marked increase, while the number of applicants rejected by recruiters, and consequently not appearing for medical examination, also showed a large increase. For the July quarter the medical rejections resumed a more normal percentage.

It may be also observed that the number of recruits who enlisted into the Regular Army from the Militia showed a diminution of no less than 2,829, and it is probable that the bulk of this decrease was felt by the Infantry.

Special paid recruiters.

21. Difficulty has been experienced in the past in providing the necessary recruiters from special Corps. Where the Establishment of non-commissioned officers of a unit is fixed at practically a peace minimum, Commanding Officers are naturally reluctant to part with their non-commissioned officers and allow them to be sent on the Recruiting Service. This difficulty has been partially overcome as regards the Royal Artillery during the current year by the provision in Estimates of five non-commissioned officers of the Royal Field Artillery in excess of Regimental Establishment, so that this number can be sent on recruiting duty without detriment to the efficiency of any unit.

Royal Garrison Regiment.

22. The reduction of the Royal Garrison Regiment, which was foreshadowed in my report of last year, has been partially given effect to, two battalions having been disbanded.

The men were given the option if they had fourteen or more years' Colour service of taking their pension on discharge either under the ordinary Articles of the Pay Warrant or under the Warrant under which they joined the Royal Garrison Regiment. They also received a bounty of £11. Those men whose character was so unsatisfactory or who were so inefficient that they would not be allowed to prolong their engagement under any circumstances were permitted to either finish their current term of enlistment or to receive a free discharge.

Men who in any case would be due for discharge before qualifying for pension were discharged with a bounty of £21; while the remaining category were offered their choice of either a discharge with a bounty of £31, or were permittted to transfer to other Corps on the understanding that on the completion of fourteen years' Colour service they would be discharged to pension on the same terms as those in the first category mentioned.

Men taking their discharge in South Africa might be granted free passages at any time within one year from date of discharge and their families sent out to join them. The families of men returning home within one year of discharge are also allowed free passages.

Reductions of Establishment.

23. The 151st Battery Royal Field Artillery has been disbanded during the current year, the personnel being distributed among the other units of the Corps.

No. 106 Siege Train Company Royal Garrison Artillery, late No. 4 Mountain Battery, has been disbanded during the summer.

A reduction has taken place of one Company of the Royal Malta Artillery. Recruiting for this arm is not proceeding as satisfactorily as it might, owing to the high rate of wages paid at Malta and the demand for labour in the island.

Recruits rejoining.

24. A considerable number of applications were received in the spring from men who had either been transferred to the Reserve on completion of three years' Colour service or on conversion of service

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after two years, to rejoin the Colours on the plea that they had been unable to obtain employment. Instructions were therefore issued, that in cases where the applicants were physically fit, unmarried and of good character, their cases might be considered provided they could give four years' service with the Colours before the expiration of eight years from date of attestation.

25. In my last report I called attention to the large and increasing number of rejections among recruits owing to defective teeth. Defective teeth.

The matter was carefully considered by the Army Council, and as a result of their deliberations the following experiment was made:—

It was decided that recruits who in all other respects fulfilled the conditions necessary for enlistment, but who were considered ineligible owing to defective or deficient teeth, might be accepted if the provision of artificial dentures (cost not to exceed £3) was likely to render them efficient. Recruits enlisting on these terms had to agree in writing—

1. (*a*) To pay on enlistment a sum not exceeding £3; or

   (*b*) To be placed under stoppages until the sum required to provide the dentures had been made good.

2. To undertake to maintain their artificial teeth in serviceable condition at their own expense during their period of service.

It was also decided that serving soldiers who incurred such loss of teeth as would cause their discharge as invalids might be provided with artificial dentures at their own expense (at a maximum cost of £3) if in the opinion of an Officer of the Royal Army Medical Corps they would thereby be rendered efficient.

A considerable number of recruits enlisted under the above conditions, but the experiment cannot be considered to have been a success and has been discontinued. It was found that many recruits, in spite of their having consented in writing to fulfil the conditions, repudiated their agreement, and that in other cases the amount agreed upon was inadequate.

26. The following table shows the number of recruits enlisted for long and short service respectively since the commencement of 1901, and the arms of the service which they joined:— Distribution of recruits.

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Terms of Service.	1901.	1902.	First 9 months of 1903.	During 12 months ended 30.9.04.	During 12 months ended 30.9.05
12 years with the Colours ..	2,004	1,894	1,524	1,813	1,701
9 years with the Colours, and 3 years in the Reserve	..	..	..	..	20,316
8 years with the Colours, and 4 years in the Reserve	..	..	..	89	2,224
7 years with the Colours, and 5 years in the Reserve	34,203	9,917	..	..	110
3 years with the Colours, and 9 years in the Reserve	8,950	38,942	27,556	38,550	10,240
2 years with the Colours, and 10 years in the Reserve	..	..	244	827	760
1 year with the Colours, or for the war, should it last longer	23,373*	10,573*	..	..	..
Re-enlisted { For one year ..	655†	204†	..	..	} 139
Re-enlisted { A.O. 106 of 1900..	532‡	336‡	75	10	
Royal Garrison Regiment ..	4,052	2,250	1,121	561	..
Colonial Corps (various terms)..	1,882	924	506	792	473
Total	75,651	65,040	31,026	42,642	35,963

* Imperial Yeomanry and Volunteers, &c., enlisted for 1 year or the duration of the war.

† Imperial Yeomen re-enlisted for 1 year.

‡ Ex-soldiers, discharged on completion of 12 years' service, re-enlisted until attaining the age of 41, or until completing 21 years' total service, whichever happens first.

Arms of the Service.	1901.	1902.	First 9 months of 1903.	During 12 months ended 30.9.04.	During 12 months ended 30.9.05.
Household Cavalry	201	149	50	114	131
Cavalry of the Line	6,397	6,189	358	491	2,380
Imperial Yeomanry	17,252	7,239	..	..	..
Royal Artillery { Horse and Field ..	7,024	8,663	2,422	2,353	3,841
Royal Artillery { Garrison	2,955	3,499	2,922	3,845	2,422
Royal Engineers	2,706	1,745	765	1,112	651
Foot Guards	2,807	1,837	1,144	1,996	2,216
Infantry of the Line	27,004	29,038	20,163	29,750	22,243
Royal Garrison Regiment ..	4,052	2,250	1,121	561	..
Colonial Corps	1,882	924	506	792	478
Army Service Corps	1,115	1,922	727	1,155	893
Army Ordnance Corps	463	337	131	175	120
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	2,052	1,208	717	298	573
Army Pay Corps	2	..	..	..	..
Army Post Office Corps	239	40	..	..	15
Total	75,651	65,040	31,026	42,642	35,963

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27. The subjoined table shows the number of recruits enlisted during the twelve months ended 30th September, 1905, for the various arms of the service, and the number of ex-soldiers who have re-enlisted :— Distribution of recruits.

Arms of the Service.	Ordinary Recruits.	Ex-soldiers Re-enlisted.*	Total.
Household Cavalry	123	8	131
Cavalry of the Line	2,375	5	2,380
Royal Artillery { Horse and Field	3,823	18	3,841
Royal Artillery { Garrison	2,417	5	2,422
Royal Engineers	650	1	651
Foot Guards	2,212	4	2,216
Infantry of the Line	22,170	73	22,243
Colonial Corps	473	5	478
Army Service Corps	887	6	893
Army Ordnance Corps	107	13	120
Royal Army Medical Corps	572	1	573
Army Post Office Corps	15	..	15
Total	35,824	139	35,963

* These re-enlistments of ex-soldiers are merely technical re-enlistments, and nearly all are men who have elected to transfer from the Royal Garrison Regiment to units of Infantry of the Line.

28. The following table shows the total number of recruits joined (exclusive of those for Colonial Corps), the numbers taken under any of the standards, and the percentage under standard, during the twelve months ended 30th September, 1905, as compared with the previous four years :— Recruits enlisted under standard.

—	1901.	1902.* During first quarter.	1902.* During remaining quarters.	First 9 months of 1903.	Year ended 30.9.04.	Year ended 30.9.05.
Total recruits joined ..	45,157†	13,103†	37,650†	28,183	41,279	35,351
Number under any of the standards	14,840	3,943	4,297	1,722	531	220
Percentage under standard	32·9	30·1	11·4	6·1	1·2	0·60
		16·2				

* The table has been divided into two parts for 1902, owing to the introduction of the new system of medical examination, which commenced in the second quarter of the year, under which the number of men specially enlisted has considerably decreased.

† Excluding men specially raised during the war, and ex-soldiers re-enlisted under Army Order 106 of 1900.

The steady reduction in the percentage under standard is satisfactory, and the percentage itself is partly attributable to the number of Royal Field Artillery gunners enlisted slightly below the increased standard of height which came into force in 1903. Practically no enlistments take place of recruits whose chest measurement is below the Schedule given in Test A of the Recruiting Regulations.

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Colonial Corps.

29. The effective strength of the several Colonial Corps between the 1st October, 1904, and the 1st October, 1905, and the number of recruits raised for each Corps, are shown in the following table:—

Corps.	Establishment on 1st October, 1905.	Effectives (rank and file). On 1st October, 1904.	Effectives (rank and file). On 1st October, 1905.	Wanting or supernumerary on 1st October, 1905.	Increase or decrease during the 12 months ended 30.9.05.	Recruits raised during the 12 months ended 30.9.05.
West India Regiment—						
1st Battalion	1,070	1,191	1,083			
2nd "	902	789	704	− 16	−200	49
Depôt	108	284	277			
Royal Artillery—						
West African Company ..	103	120	103	..	− 17	6
West Indian Battalion: No. 3 and 4 Companies, Sierra Leone	174	158	174	..	+ 16	..
West Indian Battalion: No. 1 and 2 Companies, West Indies	120	182	175	+ 55	− 7	29
Hong Kong—Singapore Battalion, Royal Garrison Artillery	639	621	577	− 62	− 44	2
Ceylon - Mauritius Battalion, Royal Garrison Artillery ..	364	342	346	− 18	+ 4	28
Royal Malta Artillery	455	556	440	− 15	−116	36
Royal Engineers—						
Asiatic Companies	153	152	145	− 8	− 7	7
West India Company	54	52	54	..	+ 2	4
Sierra Leone "	19	19	19	..	..	2
Chinese Regiment..	505	506	507	+ 2	+ 1	201
West African Regiment	1,000	985	993	− 7	+ 8	109
Total	5,666	5,957	5,597	− 69	−360	473*

* Exclusive of five re-enlisted men.

Recruiting for the West India Regiment has been re-opened during the current year.

On the other hand, the St. Lucia Company, Royal Garrison Artillery (Natives), has been disbanded.

Militiamen enlisting into the Regular Army.

30. The number of Militiamen who joined the Regular Forces during the year is given below. The diminution in numbers may be partly accounted for by the increased standard for the Militia having prevented lads joining that force who might have developed sufficiently to enter the Regular Army:—

Corps which the men joined.	1901.	1902.	First 9 months of 1903.	12 months ended 30.9.04.	12 months ended 30.9.05.
Regular Army	14,907	18,379	11,870	14,932	12,103
Royal Navy or Royal Marines ..	666	615	559	716	330
Total	15,573	18,994	12,429	15,648	12,433

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31. The number of recruits raised for the Regular Army and the Militia by the various agencies during the past twelve months, and the number obtained in each recruiting area for the Regular Army during the past five years, will be found in Appendix A.† Recruiting Agencies.

Appendix B‡ shows the increase and decrease of each arm of the service during the 12 months ended 30th September, 1905.

Appendix C§ shows the increase and decrease since 1901.

The number of recruits raised by the Serjeant Instructors of Volunteers and the Permanent Staff of the Yeomanry for the year ended 30th September, 1905, is: Army, 3,849; Militia, 2,494, as compared to Army, 4,752; Militia, 3,086 for the year ended 30th September, 1904. These figures show a considerable diminution, more or less corresponding to the total diminution of recruits taken as compared to the preceding year. It is regretted that the Permanent Staff of the Yeomanry have not been more successful in recruiting men for the Cavalry of the Line.

32. The number of men who were discharged as invalids in their first and second year of service during the period 1898 to 1905, and the proportion of such invalids to the effective strength, will be seen from the annexed table:— Discharges as Invalids.

Year.	Number of men under two years' service on 1st January or 1st October in each year.			Invalids discharged during the year under two years' service.			Proportion of invalids per 1,000 effective under two years' service.	
	Under one year.	From one to two years.	Total.	Under one year.	From one to two years.	Total.	Under one year.	From one to two years.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1st Jan., 1898	30,665	22,278	52,943	524	459	983	17	21
„ 1899	36,248	26,629	62,877	549	454	1,003	15	17
„ *1900*	*Figures*	*not avai*	*lable.*	*944*	*570*	*1,514**	*Figures not available.*	
„ *1901*		*Ditto.*		*1,795*	*2,030*	*3,825**	*Ditto.*	
„ *1902*		*Ditto.*		*1,214*	*1,040*	*2,254**	*Ditto.*	
„ 1903	44,994	31,996	76,990	671	741	1,415	14	23
1st Oct., 1903	41,288	36,337	77,625	769	818	1,587	18	22
„ 1904	36,967	34,273	71,240	787	552	1,339	21	16

* Exclusive of men of Yeomanry, Volunteers, and Irregular Corps raised specially for the war in South Africa, as well as those of the ordinary Colonial Corps. The figures for 1st October, 1903 and 1904, columns 2, 3, and 4, are exclusive of men of the Royal Garrison Regiment.

33. The following table, furnished by the Army Medical Department, shows the number of ordinary recruits who presented themselves for medical examination since 1901, the number of those who were rejected, and the percentage of rejections:— Numbers medically inspected and rejected.

† Part III, Table 1, p. 52. ‡ Part II, Table 4, p. 44.
§ Part II, Table 5, p. 46.

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	1901.	1902.	First 9 months of 1903.	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.	1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905.
Numbers medically inspected ..	76,750	87,609	50,640	71,699	65,752
Numbers rejected—					
For various ailments	14,931	19,674	12,541	18,816	19,182
For want of physical development	7,355	8,547	4,588	5,842	5,616
Total rejected ..	22,286	28,221	17,129	24,658	24,798
Percentage of rejections—					
For various ailments	19·46	22·46	24·77	26·24	29·17
For want of physical development	9·58	9·76	9·06	8·15	8·54
Total	29·04	32·22	33·83	34·39*	37·71

* This percentage does not include the numbers rejected on physical grounds or for failure to reach the required standard by recruiters or recruiting officers.

It will be seen that the percentage of rejections on medical grounds continues to show a progressive upward tendency. The increase is largely owing to the high ratio of medical rejections during the second and third quarters of the recruiting year. The actual percentages of medical rejections for the four quarters of the year are as follows:—

1st quarter	34·02
2nd ,, ...	36·75
3rd ,, ...	41·19
4th ,, ...	33·88

The steadily increasing ratio of rejections on account of defective teeth is also materially responsible for the increase. While in 1891 the ratio per thousand of men rejected on this account was 10·88, the ratio in 1904 amounted to no less than 70·61.

Educational Qualifications.

34. The subjoined table shows the educational qualifications of the recruits raised since 1900. The education of recruits is, as a rule, favourably reported on, and the proportion of those unable to read shows a diminution.

	Education (proportion per 1,000 found fit).				
	1901.	1902.	First 9 months of 1903.	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.	1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905.
Well educated	98	55	67	72	70
Able to read and write . ..	879	925	907	912	916
Able to read only	13	9	15	6	5
Unable to read	10	11	11	10	9

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35. The occupations of the recruits medically inspected during the past year are shown in Appendix F.† The trades have, as far as possible, been divided into Indoor and Outdoor as well as into Skilled and Unskilled. The number of boys examined and the number medically rejected is also shown. Occupations of recruits.

36. The following tables show—

A.—The recruits enlisted for three years' Colour service during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1902, and the number of such recruits who extended their service :— Extensions of service of men enlisted for three years with the Colours.

Corps.	No. of recruits enlisted for three years during the twelve months ended 30th September, 1902.	Became non-effective before completing three years' service.	Completed three years' service.				Percentage of extensions to men who completed three years' service.
			Serving abroad or transferred to other corps.	Serving after having lost service through desertion.	Transferred to Army Reserve.	Extended their service.	
Cavalry of the Line ..	3,419	1,306	198	43	1,112	760	35·9
Royal Artillery .	5,675	1,933	161	103	1,888	1,590	42·4
Royal Engineers ..	800	113	4	3	253	427	62·1
Grenadier Guards ..	478	162	11	2	243	60	19·0
Coldstream Guards ..	335	97	..	7	191	40	16·8
Scots Guards	376	141	6	4	139	86	36·6
Irish Guards	267	107	2	2	125	31	19·3
Infantry of the Line..	15,456	4,589	1,218	317	5,893	3,439	31·6
Army Service Corps ..	931	231	24	2	333	341	48·7
Army Ordnance Corps	144	25	3	..	49	67	56·3
Royal Army Medical Corps	830	280	63	4	137	346	62·9
Total	28,711	8,984	1,690	487	10,363	7,187	36·4
			19,727				

B.—The percentage of extensions of men who completed their three years' Colour service during the years shown.

Corps.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1901.	1902.	First 9 months of 1903.	12 months ended 30th Sept., 1904.	12 months ended 30th Sept., 1905.
Cavalry	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	35·9
Royal Artillery ..	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	42·4
Royal Engineers ..	47·0	47·2	38·2	8·4	15·7	20·1	23·7	62·1
Grenadier Guards ..	31·1	28·4	23·8	12·5	9·9	6·3	18·4	19·0
Coldstream Guards ..	31·6	20·8	19·1	18·0	8·4	4·0	8·4	16·8
Scots Guards ..	48·3	44·0	37·5	34·3	31·6	30·0	35·7	36·6
Irish Guards	*	*	*	*	..	30·7	26·4	19·3
Infantry of the Line..	*	*	*	*	13·6	12·1	20·7	31·6
Army Service Corps..	52·6	47·9	50·9	5·4	31·2	35·2	36·4	48·7
Army Ordnance Corps	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	56·3
Royal Army Medical Corps.	55·0	51·8	53·7	4·2	4·2	16·0	67·3	62·9
General percentage	43·9	39·2	36·7	15·2	16·6	17·8	26·7	36·4

* No man completed 3 years. † See page 155.

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The percentage of extensions does not in all cases necessarily represent the actual number of men who would have extended their service had they been permitted to do so. For instance, in the case of the Royal Engineers, in order to build up a reserve which at present is much below requirements, restrictions have been placed on men desirous of extending, both as regards character, educational qualifications, musketry qualifications, and trade proficiency. Such restrictions are also imposed when necessary in other Corps, especially the Army Service Corps.

Periods at which extensions take place.

37. In view of the grant of Service Pay, information was sought as to the time at which soldiers elected to extend their service with a view of drawing the higher pay following on the extension. Returns were called for monthly from the Infantry of the Line giving the required information, and the following table is attached showing this information reduced to a tabular form :—

RETURN showing the percentage of non-commissioned officers and men, Infantry of the Line (enlisted since 31st March, 1902, for three years' Colour Service), who were serving on the first day of the month in which their third year of service expires :—

Month.	Number enlisted.	Per cent. to number enlisted of those men transferred to Army Reserve or discharged before completing 3 years' Colour Service.	Per cent. to number enlisted of those men transferred to Army Reserve on completing their 3 years' Colour Service.	Per cent. to number of men enlisted who extended their service.	Per cent. to number enlisted of those men who extended their service in the following years of their service.		
					1st.	2nd.	3rd.
				Total.			
April, 1902 ..	1,895	47·91	25·06	24·37	3·16	11·08	10·13
May ,, ..	1,608	59·26	19·46	25·93	2·48	9 32	14·11
June ,, ..	1,054	57·60	18·21	21·82	2·08	7·77	11·95
July ,, ..	2,351	59·97	15·48	22·88	1·44	9·35	12·08
August, 1902 ..	2,104	53·70	15·49	24·61	1·80	8·55	14·25
September, 1902	2,248	53·95	12·32	25·35	3·42	10·63	11·29
October ,,	2,904	50·86	11·81	23·86	3·47	9·16	11·22

Desertion.

38. The number of men who deserted, and of those who rejoined from desertion during the past five years, is given below :—

Year.	Total desertions.	Number re-joined from desertion.	Net waste by desertion.	Recruits joined.*	Percentage of net waste to recruits joined.
1901	7,686	2,689	4,997	47,039	10·6
1902	7,162	2,851	4,311	50,753	8·5
First 9 months of 1903	4,653	2,241	2,412	29,324	8·2
12 months ended 30th Sept., 1904.	3,959	2,673	1,286	42,071	3·0
12 months ended 30th Sept., 1905.	3,085	2,189	896	35,824	2·5

* Excluding men specially raised during the war and ex-soldiers re-enlisted under A.O. 106 of 1900, and A.O. 35 of 1903, but including Colonial Corps.

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It is most satisfactory to see that the percentage of net loss shows a diminution, even on the reduced figures of last year. This diminution may fairly be ascribed as largely owing to the system of obtaining characters for recruits, and thus preventing undesirable men from enlisting who have no real intention of becoming soldiers.

PART II.—ARMY RESERVE.

Strength of Army Reserve.

39. The strength of the Army Reserve shows a very large increase over the numbers on the 1st of October, 1904. This is owing to the numbers of men enlisted for three years who have passed to the Reserve since the commencement of the year. On the institution of the three years term of enlistment, it was anticipated that a greater percentage of such men would have extended their service. They have not done so in the proportion expected, with the result that what has been a loss to the Colours has been a gain to the Army Reserve. The Reserve has been further swelled by the number of men of the Infantry of the Line who were allowed to prematurely convert their Colour Service into Reserve Service after two years.

40. The following tables, A and B, show the strength of the Army Reserve since 1901, and the numbers belonging to the various arms of the service, and to each section of the Reserve:—

A	Arms of the Service.												
Date.	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry.	Royal Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	Colonial Corps.	Total strength.
1st Jan., 1901	...	496	1,238	261	349	2,670	275	8	5	1	4	103	5,251
,, 1902	...	285	927	243	237	312	206	8	5	42	1	102	2,398
,, 1903	...	2,028	4,881	1,559	3,904	18,656	1,278	328	55	43	8	125	32,865
1st Oct., 1903	...	5,599	7,841	2,657	5,790	40,403	2,488	1,095	130	198	17	253	66,471
,, 1904	17	5,773	8,895	2,996	6,281	45,885	3,093	1,280	127	237	17	339	74,940
,, 1905	40	7,298	11,881	3,591	6,874	59,269	3,471	1,441	215	242	20	428	94,770

B			Sections of the Army Reserve.				
Date.	Numbers provided for in Army Estimates as probable maximum.	Volunteers.	Section A.	Section B.	Section C*.	Section D.	Total strength.
1st Jan., 1901 ..	90,000	2,163	4	995	106	1,983	5,251
,, 1902 ..	80,000	1	..	933	233	1,231	2,398
,, 1903 ..	70,000	..	328	28,759	697	3,081	32,865
1st Oct., 1903 ..	70,000	..	2,921	55,165	1,741	6,644	66,471
,, 1904 ..	80,000	..	2,564	62,190	..*	10,186	74,940
,, 1905 ..	104,000	..	4,133	75,257	..	15,380	94,770

* Section C has been merged into Section B.

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Transfer from the Colours.

41. The number of men transferred from the Colours to the Reserve on completing their Colour service since 1901, and of those permitted to pass to the Reserve before completing their Colour service, was as stated below. The totals do not include men demobilised:—

Year.	On completion of Colour service (Sections A and B).	Before completing Colour service (Section C).	Relegated to the Reserve, having re-enlisted irregularly.	Total.
1901*	359	360	85	804
1902	18,781	355	137	19,273
First 9 months of 1903 ..	26,340	1,412	54	27,806
12 months ended 30th Sept., 1904.	15,205	1,956	66	17,227
12 months ended 30th Sept., 1905.	17,267	9,026	42	26,335

* Transfers to the Reserve were suspended owing to the War.

Tradesmen in Section D of the Reserve.

42. An amendment has been made in the Army Reserve Regulations with a view of forming a larger supplemental reserve of tradesmen in the event of mobilization, and the number of trades in which permission is accorded to men of Section D to extend for further periods of four years up to 50 years of age has been increased.

Section A of the Reserve.

43. Difficulty was experienced in maintaining Section A of the Army Reserve at its full establishment owing to the passing to the Reserve of time-expired men from abroad in batches at one period of the year instead of gradually throughout the year The Regulations have therefore been amended so that should there be no vacancy for men to join Section A of the Reserve immediately on arrival home for transfer to the Reserve they may be allowed to do so within three months of such transfer.

To increase the efficiency of Section A of the Reserve it has also been laid down that men joining it should be first-class shots. It is satisfactory to note that this section shows a marked increase in numbers for the current year.

Full details as to the increase and decrease of the Reserve since 1901 are given in Appendix D.*

Militia, Reserve of the Militia, and Imperial Yeomanry.

Recruiting for the Militia.

44. Recruiting for the Militia for the past twelve months has, it is regretted to state, shown a steady decrease for each quarter. This decrease is no doubt partly attributable to the increased standard for Militia recruits which came into force in November, 1904. But from the reports from the several districts there can be but little doubt that the falling-off must be also ascribed to the uncertainty still existing as to the future of the Force.

* Part X, Tables 1 and 2, pages 107, 108.

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In view of this decrease, a circular memorandum was sent to General Officers Commanding at home in February last in which the following questions were put to them:—

(1) Whether the falling-off is due to greater care being taken on the part of all concerned that only good and suitable material is accepted for the Militia;
(2) Whether it is due to the increased Militia standards;
(3) To the uncertainty prevailing as to the future of the Force;
(4) Any other reasons which could be put forward.

As regards (1), the general tendency of the reports received tended to show that greater care was certainly being exercised as regards the class of recruit enlisted. This is partly attributable, of course, to the pains taken to obtain characters for intending recruits.

As regards (2), the opinion appears general that the increased standards shut out a certain number of youths of 17 years of age.

As regards (3) and (4), in some districts the uncertainty of the future of the Force is held to have had a detrimental effect upon the Militia generally, especially as regards officers. In several instances the reasons given produce the impression that the Militia Service generally is not popular with employers of labour, who cannot afford to spare their men for the annual training. Some Militia Adjutants consider that Militiamen often refuse to take in their notices of annual training to prevent the fact that they belong to the Militia being known to their employers.

An interesting report on the Militia was forwarded by the Officer Commanding the 12th Regimental District to account for the decrease in numbers of the Militia in that area. It was stated that the reduction in strength was in a large measure due to the increased number of men joining the Regular Army; that the Volunteers competed in an increasing degree with the Militia, the establishment of the several Volunteer Corps having been materially raised of late years. The difficulty of obtaining officers for the Militia who belonged to the county and who would consequently interest themselves in completing their county regiment, and by their local connection would induce recruits to join, was also put forward as a factor in the decrease of the Corps. The issue of separation allowance for trained Militiamen when out for their annual training, and consequently separated from their families, was also recommended. The non-issue, in all probability, is a material factor, as the number of re-engaged Militiamen shows annually a regrettable diminution.

Married Establishment and Separation Allowance.

45. It is satisfactory to note that musicians serving on the Permanent Staff of the Militia as drummers, trumpeters, &c., and the non-commissioned officers of the Permanent Staff have had their position improved as regards being placed on the married establishment; while separation allowance may now be drawn by families of Militia non-commissioned officers and men during their attendance at authorised courses of instruction.

Recruits.

46. The reports as to the recruits are on the whole satisfactory. Their behaviour is stated to be good, and while, as might be expected, the physique is stated to be lower than that for the Regular Army, all are agreed that the recruits rapidly improve after enlistment.

Royal Army Medical Corps Militia.

47. The number of companies of the Royal Army Medical Corps Militia has been increased, which has necessitated a modification of the recruiting areas allotted.

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Royal Engineer Submarine Mining Militia.

48. Recruiting for the Royal Engineer Submarine Mining Militia has been stopped for the greater part of the year owing to the change of policy which has resulted in the proposed abolition of the units concerned.

Royal Garrison Artillery Militia.

49. Recruiting for the several Royal Garrison Artillery Militia units in Ireland, whose future is still uncertain, has continued to be suspended.

Reserve Division of the Militia.

50. The only recruiting which has taken place for the Reserve Division of the Militia is that of men from the Royal Garrison Regiment, who have a right to pass into this reserve by virtue of the Royal Warrant under which they joined the Royal Garrison Regiment.

Strength of Militia.

51. Tables are here given showing (*a*) the strength of the Militia on the 1st January or 1st October, as compared with the ordinary Establishment during the last four years and nine months; and (*b*) also the actual strength of each arm of the Militia on the 1st October, 1905, as compared with the Establishment:—

(*a*)

Date.	Non-commissioned officers and men (exclusive of the Permanent Staff).				
	Effective strength.	Establishment.	Wanting to complete.	Increase or decrease in the effective strength during the preceding 12 or 9 months.	
				Increase.	Decrease.
1st January, 1902 ..	102,845(*a*)	123,993	21,148	10,104	—
,, 1903 ..	102,420	123,016	20,596	..	425
1st October, 1903 ..	89,743	123,510	33,767	..	12,677
,, 1904 ..	86,491	123,510	37,019	..	3,252
,, 1905 ..	85,814	123,086	37,272	..	677

(*a*) Excluding 32 Militia Reservists called out on permanent service with Line Units in 1901.

(*b*)

Arm of the Militia.	Non-commissioned officers and men (exclusive of the Permanent Staff).		
	Effective strength.	Establishment.	Wanting to complete.
Royal Field Artillery	251	297	46
Royal Garrison Artillery	13,003	17,376	4,373
Royal Engineers	2,154	2,331	177
Infantry	69,629	101,908	32,279
Royal Army Medical Corps	777	1,174	397
Total	85,814	123,086	37,272

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52. The following table shows the number of recruits joined during the past four years and nine months, classified according to distribution and arms of the Service:— Recruits enlisted during last four years and nine months and their distribution.

		1901.	1902.	First 9 months of 1903.	12 months ended 30th Sept., 1904.	12 months ended 30th Sept., 1905.
English Militia..		29,674	32,363	20,148	27,092	22,015
Scotch „		4,233	4,451	2,138	3,605	3,041
Irish „		3,737	4,672	3,488	4,657	4,885
Total		37,644	41,486	25,774	35,264	29,941
Arms: Royal Artillery Militia	Field ..	306	95	150	199	110
	Garrison	3,553	4,666	3,527	4,617	3,713
Royal Engineer Militia ..		695	661	824	716	921
Infantry Militia		32,668	35,560	20,985	29,165	24,562
Royal Army Medical Corps		422	504	288	567	635
Total		37,644	41,486	25,774	35,264	29,941

53. The aggregate strength of the Militia by arms and distribution is as follows:— Aggregate strength and distribution of Militia.

Serving on the	English.	Scotch.	Irish.	Total.	Arms. Royal Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Total.
1st Jan., 1901	64,168	10,031	18,542	92,741	13,535	1,750	77,293	163	92,741
„ 1902	72,764	11,182	18,899	102,845	14,382	1,959	85,936	568	102,845
„ 1903	72,694	11,481	18,245	102,420	13,878	1,969	85,741	832	102,420
1st Oct., 1903	62,455	10,210	17,078	89,743	13,310	2,049	73,643	741	89,743
„ 1904	59,287	10,048	17,156	86,491	13,352	2,020	70,421	698	86,491
„ 1905	57,601	10,238	17,975	85,814	13,254	2,154	69,629	777	85,814

Detailed information as to the increase and decrease of the Militia is contained in Appendix E.† Increase and decrease of the Militia.

54. The number of re-enlisted and re-engaged Militiamen serving on the dates shown is as stated in the following table:— Re-enlistments and re-engagements.

Serving on the	Re-engaged Militiamen.	Re-enlisted Militiamen.	Discharged soldiers.	Total.	Percentage on the strength.
1st January, *1901 ..	..	..	..	..	..
„ *1902 ..	..	..	..	..	..
„ 1903 ..	17,712	5,976	4,413	28,101	27·4
1st October, 1903 ..	13,724	7,450	4,255	25,429	28·3
„ 1904 ..	9,857	8,282	4,554	22,693	26·2
1905 ..	9,531	9,333	5,005	23,869	27·9

* Figures for 1st January, 1901 and 1902, not available.
† Part XI., Tables 3, 4, and 5, pages 116–118.

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Desertion.

55. A return is appended, showing the loss caused by desertion during the past four years and nine months, and the percentage of such loss to the effective strength:—

Year.	Average strength during period.	Struck off as Deserters and Absentees.	Rejoined from desertion.	Net loss by desertion.	Percentage to average strength. Net loss by desertion.
1901	98,189	3,366	1,179	2,187	2·2
1902	104,633	10,453	1,224	9,229	8·8
9 months ended 30th Sept., 1903	98,706	9,435	1,013	8,422	8·5
12 months ended 30th Sept., 1904	91,041	6,704	1,160	5,544	6·1
12 months ended 30th Sept., 1905	88,950	4,999	1,053	3,946	4·4

The decrease in the net loss by desertion is satisfactory, and may be attributed to the increased care taken in recruiting for the Militia as regards the recruits' characters and antecedents.

Militia Reserve.

56. A table is annexed showing the strength and distribution of the old Militia Reserve, the Special Service Section, and the New Reserve Division of the Militia, on 1st October, 1905:—

1st October, 1905.	England.	Scotland.	Ireland.	Total.
Old Militia Reserve ..	152	39	38	229
Special Service Section ..	81	27	51	159
New Reserve Division of Militia	5,806	986	865	7,657

The old Militia Reserve and the Special Service Section were abolished on the 1st April, 1901, and men were given the option of cancelling their engagements. The Militia Reserve had an Establishment of 30,000, and it will be seen there are still 229 remaining.

The increase in the new Reserve Division of the Militia is entirely due to enlistments from the Royal Garrison Regiment.

Imperial Yeomanry

Recruits taken.

57. The Imperial Yeomanry on the 1st October, 1905, was 2,165 under Establishment. The number of recruits taken during the past 12 months amounts to 4,060 as compared with 5,547 for the preceding year.

Re-engagement.

58. In December last the period of re-engagement in the Imperial Yeomanry was altered to one year instead of three, Commanding Officers of Imperial Yeomanry being practically unanimous in desiring this change.

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59. The 4th County of London (King's Colonials) Imperial Yeomanry have had their recruiting area enlarged so that the headquarters of one of the four Squadrons of the Regiment may be located in the Northern Command. In consequence, His Majesty the King was graciously pleased to approve of an alteration in the title of the Corps, which in future is designated The King's Colonials Imperial Yeomanry. King's Colonials.

60. The following table shows the enrolled strength and Establishment of the Imperial Yeomanry, the number, supernumerary or required to complete, on the 1st October, 1905, and the number who joined during the past twelve months:— Strength and Establishment of Imperial Yeomanry.

Regiments.	Headquarters	Establishment.	Strength.	Wanting to complete.	Supernumerary.	Recruits joined during past 12 months.
Ayrshire	Ayr	444	383	61	..	57
Bedfordshire	Bedford ..	444	393	51	..	85
Berks	Reading ..	444	400	44	..	73
Buckinghamshire	Buckingham ..	444	444	..	..	39
Cheshire	Chester	444	416	28	..	26
Denbighshire	Denbigh ..	444	407	37	..	115
Derbyshire	Derby	444	411	33	..	66
Devon, Royal 1st	Exeter	444	403	41	..	76
„ Royal North	Barnstaple ..	444	431	13	..	86
Dorset	Sherborne ..	444	306	138	..	80
Essex	Colchester ..	444	448	..	4	143
Fifeshire and Forfarshire ..	Cupar	444	372	72	..	56
Glamorganshire	Bridgend ..	444	377	67	..	71
Gloucestershire	Gloucester ..	444	389	55	..	55
Hampshire	Winchester ..	444	405	39	..	52
Herts	St. Albans ..	444	337	107	..	82
Ireland, North of	Belfast	444	418	26	..	42
„ South of	Limerick ..	444	437	7	..	65
Kent, Royal East	Canterbury ..	444	411	33	..	87
„ West	Maidstone ..	444	288	156	..	55
King's Colonials	London	444	360	84	..	118
Lanarkshire	Lanark	444	417	27	..	78
„ (Royal Glasgow)	Glasgow ..	444	384	60	..	121
Lancaster's Own, Duke of ..	Manchester ..	444	415	29	..	73
Lancashire Hussars	Liverpool ..	444	433	11	..	103
Leicestershire	Leicester ..	444	436	8	..	52
Lincolnshire	Lincoln	444	423	21	..	40
London, City of	London	444	414	30	..	153
„ County of, 2nd ..	„	444	418	26	..	80
„ „ 3rd ..	„	444	407	37	..	102
Lothians and Berwickshire ..	Dunbar . ..	444	405	39	..	4
Lovat's Scouts	Beauly, N.B. ..	888	976	..	88	..
Middlesex	London	444	369	75	..	93
Montgomeryshire	Welshpool ..	444	427	17	..	82
Norfolk	Norwich ..	444	342	102	..	106
Northamptonshire	Northampton ..	444	374	70	..	41
Northumberland	Newcastle-on-Tyne	444	421	23	..	106
Nottinghamshire (Sherwood Rangers)	Retford	444	415	29	..	63
Nottinghamshire (South Nottinghamshire Hussars)	Nottingham ..	444	431	13	..	88
Oxfordshire	Oxford	444	366	78	..	67
Pembroke	Tenby	444	431	13	..	90
Scottish Horse	Dunkeld ..	888	867	21	..	80

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Regiments.	Headquarters.	Establishment.	Strength.	Wanting to complete.	Supernumerary.	Recruits joined during past 12 months.
Shropshire	Shrewsbury ..	444	429	15	..	87
Somerset, North	Bath	444	391	53	..	79
„ West	Taunton ..	444	434	10	..	88
Staffordshire	Lichfield ..	444	406	38	..	120
Suffolk	Bury St. Edmunds	444	378	66	..	56
Surrey	London	444	406	38	..	113
Sussex	Brighton ..	444	400	44	..	29
Warwickshire	Warwick ..	444	431	13	..	33
Westmoreland and Cumberland	Penrith	444	399	45	..	120
Wiltshire, Royal	Chippenham ..	444	395	49	..	26
Worcestershire	Worcester ..	444	442	2	..	75
Yorkshire Hussars	York	444	436	8	..	18
„ Dragoons	Doncaster ..	444	423	21	..	28
„ East Riding of ..	Beverley ..	444	410	34	..	37
	Total.. ..	25,752	23,587	2,257	92	4,060
				2,165		

Increase and decrease.

61. The subjoined table shows the increase and decrease in the Imperial Yeomanry during the past twelve months of the year ended 30th September, 1905 :—

	Totals.
Strength on 1st October, 1904	25,502
INCREASE—	
Recruits joined	4,060
Re-enlisted	14
Joined from desertion	3
Other causes	4
Total increase	4,081
DECREASE—	
Died	62
Discharged { On termination of engagement	4,100
Discharged { As invalids	77
Discharged { Recruits rejected after attestation	35
Discharged { By purchase	1,045
Discharged { On conviction of felony..	6
Discharged { For misconduct other than felony	31
Discharged { Other causes	57
Deserters struck off	336
Joined { Regular Army	180
Joined { Royal Navy or Royal Marines	24
Other causes	43
Total decrease	5,996
Net decrease	1,915
Strength on 1st October, 1905..	23,587

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IV.—Civil Employment.

62. The question of civil employment for Army Reserve men and discharged soldiers is of supreme importance to recruiting. Once intending recruits can rest assured that, if their conduct has been satisfactory, they have a reasonable prospect of obtaining employment on leaving the Colours, it is fair to assume that a better class of recruit will be gradually attracted to the service. General remarks.

It is essential that soldiers on joining should fully recognise that good conduct with the Colours is the main factor of their obtaining civil employment on passing to the Reserve or on discharge. Instructions have been given that even in the first fortnight of the recruits' stay at the depôt lectures are to be delivered to them, and the fact that their prospects of civil employment in after life depend entirely on their conduct while in the Army is to be impressed upon them. They are further informed that no man can be registered for employment who is not discharged with a good character, and that preference is given to such as have exemplary or very good characters, while for Police or Post Office employment an additional certificate of absolute sobriety is essential.

Soldiers who are given furlough prior to discharge or transfer to the Reserve are now given a temporary certificate of character to assist them in obtaining employment after discharge, and this alteration of the Regulations will, it is hoped, be of material assistance.

Towards the end of 1904 a circular letter was sent to General Officers Commanding, bringing to their notice the slackness of trade then obtaining throughout the United Kingdom. They were directed to instruct Commanding Officers to urge such men as were returning home during the trooping season to endeavour, while still abroad, to obtain promise of employment on arrival home by communicating with their friends and former employers. The circular further stated that men should not refuse work because the wages offered were not what they expected, or such as they considered they ought to obtain, but should be made to realise the importance of obtaining employment as soon as possible. A further circular was issued last summer directing that officers in charge of civil employment should make strenuous efforts to place as many ex-soldiers in civil situations as possible before the arrival of the winter months.

Officers in charge of Records were directed to maintain a central agency for the district, so that officers in charge of local registers could communicate therewith in order to fill vacancies offered by employers of labour when there was no suitable local candidate forthcoming, and were reminded of their responsibility for the work of civil employment within their areas.

63. The Civil Employment Pamphlet, which shows the various classes of employment open to ex-soldiers and the mode of applying for the same, together with a list of the agencies for assisting ex-soldiers in obtaining employment, has been revised during the year and will shortly be ready for issue. It is intended that a copy of this pamphlet shall be given to every man on leaving the Colours, thus enabling him to see for himself what employment is open to him. Civil Employment Pamphlet.

64. During the year under review the Treasury has decided that the minimum pay of pensioner messengers at all Government offices should be 21*s.* per week; the proportion of messengers in each department who may be allowed to rise to a special maximum of 24*s.* remains unchanged. Pensioner messengers.

65. In May last the Controller of the London Postal Service notified General Post Office.

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the Chief Recruiting Staff Officer in London, that the list of candidates for postmen and porter vacancies was sufficient to meet requirements for some months, and in consequence no more candidates were sent unless specially applied for. As a similar notice had been received in November, it was clear that fresh applicants had but little chance of early appointment.

As regards the work actually carried out during the year, it is satisfactory to notice that while 31,321 men have returned to civil life from the Colours with characters, either good, very good, or exemplary, no less than 25,362 ex-soldiers have been provided with employment.

National Association for the Employment of Reserve and Discharged Soldiers.

66. Of the several institutions which are in existence to provide ex-soldiers with civil employment, the National Association stands out in the greatest prominence. It is to be noted that, notwithstanding the general slackness of trade, the results of this Society show a material increase over the figures for the previous year.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society.

67. The work performed by the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society in assisting ex-soldiers in obtaining employment has also been very satisfactory.

Clerks, War Office.

68. During the past twelve months, 8 vacancies as clerks in the War Office were given to ex-soldiers, and the number employed on the 30th September, 1905, was 248, of which number 18 are employed at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

Army Accounts Department.

69. There are 83 ex-soldier clerks at present employed in the Subordinate Section of the Army Accounts Department, and of these 24 were appointed during the twelve months ended 30th September, 1905.

London County Council.

70. A return received from the London County Council shows that the number of situations under the Council filled by ex-soldiers during the twelve months ended 30th September, 1905, was 205 as compared with 304 during the preceding period.

Customs watchers.

71. During the past twelve months 44 places were filled by ex-soldiers as Customs Watchers out of 88 vacancies which occurred. In filling this class of appointment, preference is given to Pensioners over Army Reservists. While the number of vacancies has diminished, it is satisfactory to note the largely-increased percentage of vacancies filled by ex-soldiers.

Park-keepers.

72. Nine vacancies for Park-keepers occurred during the year, 8 of which were filled by ex-soldiers, the one remaining vacancy being filled by a Naval Pensioner.

Prison warders, &c.

73. The following table shows (i) the number of vacancies which occurred in the Prisons service in the periods shown; and (ii) the number of such vacancies filled by ex-soldiers. It will be seen that the return shows a better percentage of ex-soldiers appointed:—

Prisons Service of—	Number of vacancies in—			Number of ex-soldiers appointed in—		
	1903 (9 mths.)	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.	1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905.	1903 (9 mths.)	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.	1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905.
England and Wales ..	182	249	162	117	123	90
Scotland	27	31	20	10	9	6
Ireland	30	30	29	15	3	5
Total	239	310	211	142	135	101

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74. Vacancies for 23 Messengers were filled by pensioners from the War Office list during the past year:— Pensioner messengers.

Name of Government Department.	Number of vacancies as Messenger filled through War Office Register.
War Office	11
Board of Agriculture and Fisheries..	1
Board of Trade	2
Irish Land Commission	6
Local Government Board, Edinburgh	1
Somerset House	2
Total	23

It is not known in this Office what vacancies actually occurred in other departments for messengers or other employés which could have been filled by pensioner candidates whose names are on the War Office register.

75. In addition to Park-keepers, employment under the Office of Works has been given to 39 ex-soldiers. Office of Works.

76. The number of ex-soldiers to whom employment in departments under the War Office was given during the period shown, and the total number of ex-soldiers in such employment is stated in the subjoined table:— War Office Departments.

Name of Department.	Number of ex-soldiers to whom employment was given in			Total number of ex-soldiers employed on 30th September, 1903, 1904 and 1905.		
	1903 (nine months.)	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.	1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905.	1903.	1904.	1905.
Royal Army Clothing Department and Factory	18	3	4	468	431	387
Works and Fortifications Department	60	56	8	530	513	421
Ordnance Factories	156	327	251	2,174	2,141	1,903
Barrack wardens, barrack labourers, &c.	279	400	425	1,300	1,053	1,108
Army Ordnance Department..	638	641	362	2,706	2,620	2,458
Total	1,151	1,427	1,050	7,178	6,758	6,277

The decrease in the number of ex-soldiers employed is probably due to less work in the several Government departments.

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Police Employment.

Police employment.

77. The following table gives the number of vacancies which occurred in the Police Force of the United Kingdom during the periods shown, and the number of such vacancies which fell to ex-soldiers during those periods:—

Police Force.	Number of vacancies filled during—			Number of such vacancies given to ex-soldiers in—		
	1903 (nine mnths.).	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.	1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905.	1903 (nine mnths.).	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.	1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905.
London City Police	34	44	44	18	13	16
London Metropolitan Police	705	1,023	1,264	281	233	184
Borough and County Police, England and Wales	1,668	2,176	2,183	612	581	499
Scottish Police	395	606	480	93	87	51
Dublin Metropolitan Police	58	70	63	2	1	2
Royal Irish Constabulary	155	26	50	7	*Nil.**	5
Total	3,015	3,945	4,084	1,013	915	757

* Recruiting was suspended for Royal Irish Constabulary during the whole of the period under reference.

As it is probably considered expedient to limit the number of Army Reserve men serving at one time in the Police, the shorter terms of service, which necessitate each man remaining a longer period in the Reserve than formerly, restrict the number that can be employed, which may perhaps account for the decrease.

Railway Employment.

Railway employment.

78. As will be seen from the abstract of returns received from the various railway companies given below, the number of ex-soldiers employed by them is well maintained, and that the men so employed continue to give satisfaction may be assumed from the numbers so employed.

Returns have been received from the undermentioned railway companies, giving the number of ex-soldiers in their employment. The figures are as follows for the past two years and nine months:—

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Railway Company.	Number of ex-soldiers to whom employment was given during—			Total number of ex-soldiers in the Company's service on 30th September, 1903, 1904, and 1905.		
	1st Jan., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1903.	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.	1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905.	1903.	1904.	1905.
England and Wales.						
Midland	1,631	1,101	1,050	2,713	2,422	2,536
London and North Western	1,785	1,348	1,551	2,537	2,513	2,806
Lancashire and Yorkshire	506	460	550	682	733	921
South Eastern and Chatham	105	165	91	394	810	748
Great Western	768	714	716	2,125	2,380	2,403
Great Northern..	325	254	285	859	886	881
London and South Western	311	293	338	878	1,058	1,005
Great Eastern	293	287	156	858	1,110	1,059
London, Brighton, and South Coast ..	264	218	115	623	692	668
Great Central	310	242	331	No	record	523
North Eastern	318	323	233	765	797	797
Cheshire Lines Committee	105	110	106	116	124	122
London and India Docks	264	247	292	362	371	388
London, Tilbury, and Southend ..	36	51	50	75	85	94
North London	42	25	18	180	167	170
Metropolitan	60	120	10	213	125	124
Manchester, South Junction, and Altrincham	5	4	..	21	18	10
North Staffordshire	28	9	18	62	58	74
Barry	8	8	4	49	62	54
Furness	9	11	10	30	24	27
Wrexham, Mold, and Connah's Quay*	..	..	..	2	2	..
Rhondda and Swansea Bay	6	7	13	10	4	12
Maryport and Carlisle	..	..	..	2	2	2
Corris	2	1	..	2	..	..
Citadel Station Committee, Carlisle ..	3	..	5	6	..	4
Wirral	2	2	3	1	3	6
Metropolitan District	97	92	113	111	122	158
Total for England and Wales ..	7,283	6,092	6,058	13,676	14,568	15,592
Scotland.						
Caledonian	365	374	365	332	302	417
North British	386	453	402	484	508	571
Glasgow and South Western	133	160	125	161	170	160
Dundee and Arbroath	16	8	7	16	23	22
Highland	23	18	29	49	72	72
Aberdeen Joint Passenger	2	3	2	2	2	2
Joint Committee General Station, Perth	5	3	1	6	8	7
Portpatrick and Wigtownshire ..	..	1	7	2	2	3
Total for Scotland	930	1,020	938	1,052	1,087	1,254

* Merged into Great Central Railway.

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Railway Company.	Number of ex-soldiers to whom employment was given during—			Total number of ex-soldiers in the Company's service on 30th September, 1903, 1904, and 1905.		
	1st Jan., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1903.	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.	1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905.	1903.	1904.	1905.
IRELAND.						
Great Northern	20	48	132	101	131	145
Great Southern and Western	106	159	214	159	203	253
Cork, Blackrock, and Passage	2	7	3	4	1	2
Midland Great Western	37	39	33	46	93	100
Listowel and Ballybunion	2	1	2	2	2	2
Cavan and Leitrim	7	7	7	7	7	7
Total for Ireland	174	261	391	319	437	509
Grand Total	8,387	7,373	7,337	15,047	16,092	17,355

Official Employment Registers.

Official employment registers.

79. The subjoined table shows the result since 1901 of the working of the employment registers in regimental and other recruiting districts:—

Year.	Number registered for employment during the year.	Number for whom employment was found by means of the official registers during the year.				Percentage of men registered for whom employment was found.
		In the Post Office.	In other Government appointments.	In civilian firms, companies, &c.	Total for whom employment was found and accepted.	
1901	4,962	766	182	2,134	3,082	62·1
1902	17,127	1,395	199	9,183	10,777	62·9
1st Oct. 1903	12,576	1,416	193	8,184	9,793	77·8
1st Oct. 1904	12,988	1,461	187	7,269	8,917	68·6
1st Oct. 1905	18,909*	1,872	157	8,270	10,299	54·4

* Includes 4,037 names remaining on register from previous year. In former years these numbers have not been brought forward, which partially accounts for the decreased percentage.

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It will be seen that no less than 54·4 per cent. of the men registered for employment have obtained work through the official agencies. This result is not entirely satisfactory, but is perhaps due to the dulness of trade throughout the country during the period under review.

Voluntary Employment Societies.

80. During the past twelve months the head office of the "National Association" in London found employment for 1,680 ex-soldiers, as against 1,426 during the previous twelve months. **National Association.**

In addition to this number, temporary employment was found for 437. These numbers denote the zeal with which the office is worked.

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society, at 122, Brompton Road S.W., found employment for 724 men who left the service with not less than a "Good" character. It is pointed out that this number applies to their headquarter office only, the figures from their many branches throughout the Kingdom not being available. **Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society.**

The "Army and Navy Pensioners' Employment Society" has procured situations of a permanent nature for 787 ex-soldiers. **Army and Navy Pensioners.**

In addition to this number, temporary employment was found for 2,264.

The "Guards' Employment Society" has found situations for 209 men. **Guards' Agency.**

General Remarks as to Civil Employment.

81. The following table records the number who left the Colours with characters entitling them to registration for civil employment. The actual number for whom employment was found by means of official registers, employment societies, and departments under the War Office, is shown below. **General results.**

It will be seen that 31,321 men returned to civil life during the year with satisfactory characters, and it has been ascertained from returns that 25,362 ex-soldiers have either been provided with employment or have had situations to go to.

Number discharged or transferred to the Reserve with	"Exemplary" characters	2,451
	"Very good" characters	15,785
	"Good" characters	13,085
	Total	31,321

Number of men for whom employment has been found	War Office Register (messengers, &c.)	71
	Regimental and Recruiting Registers (affiliated to National Association)..	5,759
	National Association (London office only)	1,680
	*National Association (Branches) ..	1,286
	Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society (London office only)	724
	Carried forward	9,520

* Temporary employment has been found for 1,329 in addition to the above figures.

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	Brought forward			9,520
Number of men for whom employment has been found	Army and Navy Pensioners' Employment Society			787
	Guards' Employment Society.. ..			209
	Departments under the War Office: Army Clothing Department	4		1,082
	Works and Fortifications Department	8		
	Ordnance Factories ..	251		
	Barrack Wardens, Barrack Labourers ..	425		
	Army Ordnance Department	362		
	Clerks in War Office ..	8		
	Clerks under Army Accounts Department	24		
	Men who are known to have themselves obtained employment ..			13,764
	General Total			25,362

Concluding Remarks.

Recruiting.

82. As already pointed out, there has been a material diminution in the number of recruits obtained during the past year compared with the preceding year.

For all arms, the numbers are—

In 1904–5 .. .. 35,351. In 1903–4 41,279

For Infantry of the Line—

In 1904–5 .. .. 22,170. In 1903–4 .. .. 29,742.

The recruiting in 1903–4 was the highest ever attained except during the War, but the extent to which recruiting was closed in the other arms in 1903–4 favourably affected the number of Infantry recruits obtained in that year, as the recruit had but little choice.

It may be observed that the results cannot be considered apart from the conditions obtaining at the time, such as requirements on enlistment, terms of service, &c.

With regard to the former, the Medical inspection has been more stringent, and the ratio of Medical rejections has proportionately increased. This is due to the policy which has been adopted of ensuring a higher standard of physical fitness, a policy which, although it has undoubtedly in the past year decreased the number of men admitted into the ranks, should reduce wastage in the future.

83. The depletion of the ranks of the Infantry during the year has been abnormal. This is due to three causes—

1. The passing to the Reserve of the three years' men which commenced upon the 1st April, 1905, that term of enlistment having been introduced on 1st April, 1902.
2. The expiration of the term of service of those men who had received bounties to extend their service during the War.

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3. The permission given to men enlisted for three years, with upwards of two years' service, to pass prematurely to the Reserve. This step was taken at the commencement of the year to reduce the numbers within the Establishment, and thereby enable recruits to be taken for nine years in their place.

This depletion of the serving ranks means an increase to the Reserve. It will extend over some period and cannot immediately be overcome by recruiting.

Fluctuations in establishment and terms of service necessitate fluctuations in recruiting. These are to be deprecated. If a continuity of policy and of administration is maintained great advantage will ultimately result. In such conditions the draft requirements of each year would be equalized, and a similar number of recruits would be annually required to maintain the Establishment.

An undue accession of recruits in a particular year results in an undue depletion in the year in which their Colour service expires. It makes excessive demands on recruiting in such a year, with probably a detrimental closing of recruiting when the numbers are attained. It does not find the drafts in the required year—that in which the depletion occurs, and it is detrimental to Regimental efficiency.

84. The general result in the past year is that, as regards Infantry of the Line, deducting boys, about 21,270 men for 9 years' service have been obtained. This number is about the average required to maintain the Establishment on a 9 years' system when that system is in normal working order, but, as stated, this number will not find the drafts during the period of depletion now in process, nor will it provide that sufficient number of old soldiers in the Home battalion which is essential to its efficiency. The remedy for the present condition is to be found in taking steps to keep men in the ranks and so diminish the wastage, and it is hoped that a more consistent policy will be adopted in regard to terms of service in the Infantry of the Line. There exist four different periods for which men have been enlisted for Infantry, and are now serving, viz., 2, 3, 7, and 9 years. No men are now enlisted for this branch except for the latter period.

The want of elasticity in recruiting has been commented on in previous reports. When Mounted Corps are fully opened, recruiting for Infantry of the Line suffers, and the numbers of efficient recruits that can be obtained are not easily augmented above a certain limit.

It is difficult to draw any definite conclusion at present as to whether the introduction of the nine years' term has been a deterrent to recruiting. In districts where recruiting has fallen off the longer term is advanced as a reason; on the other hand, from personal visits to the depôts and from some reports, the longer term does not appear to be unpopular.

85. The pay has been so largely increased of recent years that there is no doubt that it compares favourably with that of the unskilled labourer in civil life. Pay.

It is therefore of first importance that the present advantages of pay in the Army should be widely known.

In this connection may be mentioned the difficulty that exists in stating officially to the man the pay he is to receive. This difficulty is due to the various issues being hedged round with conditions, which have to be stated somewhat fully to avoid misapprehension. Further if constant changes in pay are made, recruiting pamphlets, leaflets, &c., are soon out of date.

It is, however, clear that, high though the rate is which is now

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drawn by the soldier, the ratio of extension has been far less than that anticipated, even when the act of extension is the only thing required to enable the soldier to draw higher pay. In this respect the number of soldiers who at the expiration of two years' service with the Colours converted their service and took their chance of obtaining employment in civil life rather than prolong their service on the higher rate of pay is worthy of note.

It is unfortunate that, owing to the present exigencies of the Service, the large majority of the men drawing Service Pay are abroad, and its full effects are consequently unknown to the class from which recruits are drawn.

Endeavours are being made to provide a pamphlet giving a fair and interesting account of the soldier's life, and a leaflet to contain in a clear form terms of service, pay, &c., which in late years have been so frequently changed.

The leaflets will set out the average weekly pay that a careful soldier receives, this being considered preferable to the daily rate hitherto given and more in accordance with civil custom.

Weekly rates of Pay of Infantry of the Line.

86. The following statement shows the weekly pay an Infantry soldier of the Line may expect to receive on enlistment, and the successive increases granted during his service.

		s.	d.	
I	On enlistment at, say, 18 years of age	7	0	Pay
	Deduct stoppages for Messing and Washing	2	0½	Messing and Washing
	Leaving as pocket money, less cost of upkeep of kit ..	4	11½	
		s.	d.	
II	At 19 years of age, with 6 months' service	9	11	Pay
	Deduct stoppages for Messing and Washing	2	0½	Messing and Washing
	Pocket money, less upkeep of kit	7	10½	
		s.	d.	
III	After 2 years' service with Service Pay at 4*d*.	9	11	Pay
		2	4	Service Pay
		12	3	
	Deduct stoppages for Messing and Washing	2	0½	Messing and Washing
		10	2½	
		s.	d.	
III*a*	After 2 years' service with Service Pay at 6*d*.	9	11	Pay
		3	6	Service Pay
		13	5	
	Deduct stoppages for Messing and Washing	2	0½	Messing and Washing
		11	4½	

* These rates of pay were again altered in November last.

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The above rates are for the private soldier. With promotion, higher pay is given, and the pay and allowances of the higher posts drawn by warrant and non-commissioned officers, with the pension, offer a good position to the better class recruits. It may be mentioned that nearly 1,000 commissioned officers now serving have risen from the ranks.

87. The policy of substituting a system of advertising for that of recruiters has been carefully considered and in many districts there is a tendency to move in this direction. Advertisements.

It is probable that the requirements of each district vary; in some, better results can be obtained with one system, in others a mixture of both best meets the case. Advertising is costly, and to provide the necessary funds to carry it out thoroughly through all the recruiting areas would involve a large outlay.

It must be remembered that even at railway stations no advertisement for the Army or Navy can be displayed without payment. City Corporations, Town Councils, and other Municipal bodies might materially assist recruiting if they would provide a certain amount of space free of charge for recruiting advertisements.

The general opinion is that advertisement is an excellent aid to the Recruiter, but cannot be substituted for him.

The best advertisement for Recruiting is the contented, well-behaved soldier, who, by example, induces his friends to enlist.

88. The appointment of the District Medical Inspector of Recruits is perhaps the most important change which has taken place during the past year. By constant visits at uncertain intervals to recruiting centres, this officer is enabled to secure a uniformity of system of medical inspection which has hitherto been lacking. He supervises the work of both Army and Civilian Examiners, and sees that the right class of recruit is passed into the service. These appointments should eventually prevent what has happened so often in the past, viz., a recruit being enlisted in one recruiting area and being discharged as medically unfit by other medical officers during his recruit drill at the depôt. Appointment of Medical Inspector.

89. The work of providing civil employment has received careful attention. There is no one connected with the recruiting service who fails to realise how important a factor the provision of work on transfer to the Reserve, or on discharge, is to successful recruiting. Civil Employment.

If the present lengthened term of service of 9 years with the Colours is to remain in force for the Infantry of the Line it will be more than ever necessary to face the important problem of civil employment, for the longer term of enlistment increases the age at which the ex-soldier has to compete for employment—this is a serious drawback. The moment trade slackens, numbers of applications are received from Army Pensioners seeking employment. It is the older men whom the reduction in labour first affects, probably owing to their lower standard of efficiency.

It is important that employment on a larger scale, especially in Government Departments, shall, if possible, be provided. Upon the other hand, it is incumbent on the military authorities to make every effort to fit the soldier whilst serving for civil employment when he leaves the Colours, and to ensure that he is recommended for the class of employment for which he is most fitted. There are many callings —such as porters, messengers, policemen, caretakers, &c.—in which military training increases rather than diminishes the value of the ex-soldier, and this value would be increased if the aptitude necessary for the efficient discharge of the duties of each class of employment

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were developed while in the ranks. Qualifications, such as a knowledge of simple accounts, accuracy of observation, practice in delivering messages, taking down instructions, &c., lie within the sphere of military duty while higher attainments, such as shorthand, telegraphy, clerk's duties, &c., could be mastered by many, and for this purpose the excellent technical institutes existing in some garrison towns might be more fully utilized.

This important subject is, however, being fully considered by the Army Council.

Drawbacks to recruiting.

90. Reports received from the Districts comment upon certain influences which are adverse to recruiting.

In Ireland, articles in the Press have been published, and placards have been posted up, to deter the intending recruit from enlisting, and, in England, publications and leaflets have been issued by societies averse to Military Service—13 leaflets published by one society were received in this Office.

The public criticism to which the Army is so constantly subjected is stated to be prejudicial to recruiting—such criticism, however well intentioned or well informed, no doubt is a deterrent especially to the better class of recruit.

Conclusion.

91. In conclusion, it may be stated that the class of recruit now obtained shows a tendency to improve—his conduct, character and education is satisfactory. The number of recruits who can be obtained of the required stamp is limited and not easily augmented. With a consistent Military policy, some continuity of administration as regards terms of service, and an organisation which prevents the incidents of Military Service—and especially Foreign Service—from pressing too hardly on the soldier, it should be possible to prove to the civilian that a good career is open to well-conducted young men who elect to enter the service of His Majesty.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. G. MILES,

Major-General,

Director of Recruiting and Organization.

NOTE.—The appendices printed with the original report of the Director of Recruiting and Organisation are dealt with in this Report as follows:—

APPENDIX A—*Recruits raised in recruiting areas and districts*—is reprinted with an additional column as Part III, Table 1, page 52.

APPENDIX B—*Increase and decrease of the Regular Army*—is reprinted with slight modifications as Part II, Table 4, page 44.

APPENDIX C—*Increase and decrease during previous years.*—Information on this head, but in fuller detail, is given as Part II, Table 5, page 46.

APPENDIX D.—*Increase and decrease of the Army Reserve during past years.*—Information on this head, but in fuller detail, is given as Part X, Tables 1 and 2 pp. 107 and 108.

APPENDIX E.—*Increase and decrease of the Militia and the Reserve Division of Militia over past years.*—Information on this head, but in fuller detail, is given as Part XI, Tables 3, 4 and 5, pp. 116, 117, 118.

APPENDIX F—*Trades of men offering themselves as recruits*—is reprinted at the end of this book.

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SECTION II.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

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ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH.

PART I.—ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH OF THE REGULAR FORCES, ARMY RESERVE, AND AUXILIARY FORCES ON 1st OCTOBER, 1905.

	All Ranks.			
	Establishment (Army Estimates).	Strength.	Wanting to complete.	Supernumerary.
Regular Forces :—				
Regimental Establishments { British Establishment*	211,028†	194,072	16,956†	—
Regimental Establishments { Indian Establishment‡	75,008	78,061	—	3,053
§ Staff and Departments and Miscellaneous Establishments	2,752	2,752	—	—
	288,788	274,885	13,903	—
Army Reserve	104,000	94,770	9,230	—
Militia (United Kingdom) :—				
Permanent Staff	4,883	4,463	420	—
Militia..	127,525	88,209	39,316	—
	132,408	92,672	39,736	—
Militia (Reserve Division)	7,500	7,657	—	157
Militia (Channel Islands, Malta and Bermuda) :—				
Permanent Staff	178	160	18	—
Militia	5,566	5,008	558	—
	5,744	5,168‖	576	—
Imperial Yeomanry :—				
Permanent Staff	348	348	—	—
Yeomanry	27,290	24,811	2,479	—
	27,638	25,159	2,479	—
Honourable Artillery Company :—				
Permanent Staff	5	5	—	—
Officers and Members	899	524	375	—
	904	529	375	—
Volunteers (Great Britain) :—				
Permanent Staff	2,123	2,023	100	—
Volunteers	339,699	250,337	89,362	—
	341,822	252,360	89,462	—
Volunteers (Bermuda) :—				
Permanent Staff	5	5	—	—
Volunteers	314	166	148	—
	319	171	148	—
General Total	909,123	753,371	155,909	157
			155,752	
¶ Militia Reserve—Old (included with Militia)	—	*229*	—	*229*

* This includes Indian Native Troops employed in the Colonies and North China.

† 13,000 men (Infantry) were included in the Establishments to cover "temporary excess of ordinary establishments."

‡ These numbers do not include any officers or men of the Indian Army.

§ The Warrant Officers, N.C.O.'s, and men of the Army Pay Corps (900) who are shown in Army Estimates under Staff and Departments, are shown above under Regimental Establishments. The Officers are shown under Staff and Departments.

‖ Strength of Channel Islands Militia on 1st July, 1905.

¶ This Reserve is gradually dying out.

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PART II.—STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION.

TABLE 1.—REGIMENTAL STRENGTH of the Regular Army BY ARMS on the first day of each Quarter, from 1st October, 1904, to 1st October, 1905, showing the establishments shown in Army Estimates; including the British Troops on Indian Establishment.

Arm.	Ranks.	Strength. 1st Oct. 1904.	1st Jan. 1905.	1st April, 1905.	1st July, 1905.	1st Oct. 1905.	Establishment. †1904-05.	‡1905-06.
Household Cavalry ...	Officers	81	81	80	82	81	72	72
	Warrant Officers...	8	8	7	7	7	6	6
	N.C.O.'s and Men	1,284	1,276	1,281	1,277	1,272	1,212	1,212
Cavalry of the Line	Officers	780	763	741	735	726	774	751
	Warrant Officers...	54	54	56	58	60	57	59
	N.C.O.'s and Men	19,483	18,941	19,117	18,585	18,363	18,343	18,384
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	Officers	1,146	1,126	1,141	1,117	1,126	1,104	1,108
	Warrant Officers...	60	59	58	60	61	58	66
	N.C.O.'s and Men	29,959	29,307	29,720	29,268	29,363	28,626	28,704
Royal Garrison Artillery	Officers	960	937	947	950	940	952	938
	Warrant Officers...	115	116	115	116	113	116	117
	N.C.O.'s and Men	23,449	24,072	23,753	23,405	23,121	22,216	21,796
Royal Engineers	Officers	1,061	1,053	1,063	1,052	1,054	1,031	1,039
	Warrant Officers...	147	147	149	149	147	149	150
	N.C.O.'s and Men	10,249	10,065	9,401	9,376	9,517	9,600	9,708
Foot Guards ...	Officers	286	283	273	296	305	305	305
	Warrant Officers...	18	18	18	18	18	19	19
	N.C.O.'s and Men	7,558	7,711	7,919	7,757	7,730	7,930	7,930
Infantry of the Line	Officers	4,595	4,439	4,457	4,439	4,423	4,700	4,713‡
	Warrant Officers...	385	387	384	387	385	394	394
	N.C.O.'s and Men	156,055	156,564	150,432	146,351	146,147	154,011	160,130‡
Colonial Corps ...	Officers	188	185	185	185	190	197	194
	Warrant Officers...	7	6	7	7	7	8	8
	N.C.O.'s and Men	6,404	6,285	6,176	6,099	6,023	6,478	6,085
Army Service Corps ...	Officers	457	453	454	449	442	470	467
	Warrant Officers...	250	252	257	254	263	265	267
	N.C.O.'s and Men	6,196	6,353	6,275	6,337	6,239	6,412	6,302
Royal Army Medical Corps ...	Officers	984	1,009	1,003	1,012	1,032	1,092	1,049
	Warrant Officers...	82	77	74	69	67	62	62
	N.C.O.'s and Men	3,888	3,964	3,979	3,882	3,950	3,921	3,927
Army Ordnance Corps ...	Officers	264	262	235	238	231	277	239
	Warrant Officers...	127	131	125	128	127	135	139
	N.C.O.'s and Men	2,171	2,153	2,093	2,076	2,062	2,106	2,106
Army Pay Corps	Officers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Warrant Officers...	46	46	46	47	42	47	47
	N.C.O.'s and Men	857	848	839	825	814	883	853
Army Veterinary Corps ...	Officers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Warrant Officers...	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
	N.C.O.'s and Men	48	49	48	92	147	99	219
*Other Troops ...	Officers	354	260	259	219	235	216	196
	Warrant Officers...	11	10	12	12	11	—	—
	N.C.O.'s and Men	7,173	5,576	5,652	5,222	5,287	7,176	6,279
TOTAL	Officers	11,156	10,851	10,838	10,774	10,788	11,100	11,065
	Warrant Officers...	1,310	1,311	1,308	1,312	1,310	1,316	1,336
	N.C.O.'s and Men	274,774	273,164	266,685	260,553	260,035	269,013	273,635

* Indian Troops borrowed from India for garrison and expeditionary purposes.

† As provided for in Army Estimates, not including 10,000 additional numbers (all ranks) temporarily required to cover men borne in excess of establishments as a result of the Somaliland Expedition.

As provided for in Army Estimates, including 40 officers and 12,960 N.C.O.'s and men additional numbers for "temporary excess of normal establishment," as compared with from 1,000 to 1,500 provided for in normal years.

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TABLE 2.—REGIMENTAL STRENGTH of the Regular Army BY ARMS in each year from 1897.

Year.	All Ranks.																	Year.
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Imperial Yeomanry.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Infantry Royal Reserve Regiments.*	Colonial Corps and borrowed† Native Troops.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	Army Veterinary Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	All Arms.	
1st Jan., 1897	1,315	18,406	—	17,973	19,040	7,829	5,851	136,965	—	5,331	3,581	2,699	1,306	573	—	—	220,869	1st Jan., 1897
1898	1,317	17,721	—	18,319	19,291	7,792	6,591	136,163	—	5,666	3,599	2,651	1,316	577	—	—	221,003	1898
1899	1,298	18,102	—	19,053	20,370	7,975	7,249	141,332	—	7,242	3,599	3,651	1,388	592	—	—	231,851	1899
1900	1,327	22,672	—	26,639	22,815	10,534	12,008	183,299	—	8,778	5,730	5,021	1,932	619	—	170	301,544	1900
1901	1,602	31,042	9,354	35,167	25,899	13,932	14,160	221,872	18,301	31,571	8,187	6,647	2,399	655	—	385	421,173	1901
1902	1,550	31,681	16,730	36,068	25,136	14,850	14,624	217,966	—	19,531	8,559	7,099	2,615	747	—	526	397,682	1902
1903	1,490	29,297	1,610	34,959	23,174	13,757	9,966	176,580	—	15,503	8,443	6,020	2,638	854	—	362	324,653	1903
1st Oct., 1903	1,426	23,084	—	32,511	23,067	11,480	7,847	157,669	—	19,609	6,928	5,346	2,542	900	—	2	292,411	1st Oct., 1903
1904	1,373	20,317	—	31,165	24,524	11,457	7,862	161,035	—	14,137	6,903	4,954	2,562	903	48	—	287,240	1904
1905	1,360	19,149	—	30,550	24,174	10,718	8,053	150,955	—	11,753	6,944	5,049	2,423	856	149	—	272,133	1905

* Disbanded in 1901.

† Native Troops borrowed from India, &c., for garrison and expeditionary purposes.

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TABLE 3.—REGIMENTAL ESTABLISHMENT and STRENGTH of the Army, and the number wanting to complete or supernumerary to the Establishment in each year from 1897.

Year.	Establishments, Army Estimates.				Strength.				Supernumerary to Establishment, All Ranks.	Wanting to complete Establishment, All Ranks.
	Officers.	Warrant Officers.	N.C.O.'s and Men.	All Ranks.	Officers.	Warrant Officers.	N.C.O.'s and Men.	All Ranks.		
1st January, 1897 ..	8,039	946	211,288	220,273	7,721	917	212,231	220,869	596	—
" 1898 ..	8,342	954	218,369	227,665	7,689	921	212,393	221,003	—	6,662
" 1899 ..	8,628	1,022	234,906	244,556	8,537	982	222,332	231,851	—	12,705
" 1900 ..	9,269	1,060	239,137	249,466	9,318	1,081	291,145	301,544	52,078*	—
" 1901 ..	10,646	1,227	265,463	277,336	13,410	1,225	406,538	421,173	143,837*	—
" 1902 ..	10,939	1,259	272,231	284,429	12,882	1,253	383,547	397,682	113,253*	—
" 1903 ..	11,029	1,275	272,074	284,378	12,000	1,267	311,386	324,653	40,275*	—
1st October, 1903 ..	11,098	1,319	273,508	285,925	11,759	1,349	279,303	292,411	6,486*	—
" 1904 ..	11,100	1,316	269,013	281,429	11,156	1,310	274,774	287,240	5,811*	—
" 1905 ..	11,065†	1,336	273,635†	286,036†	10,788	1,310	260,035	272,133	—	13,903

* Additional numbers, not included in the establishments shown above, were sanctioned in these years on account of the South African War, and the Somaliland Expedition.

† These numbers include 13,000 (40 officers and 12,960 N.C.O.'s and men) additional numbers (Infantry), for "temporary excess of ordinary establishment," as compared with from 1,000 to 1,500 provided for in normal years.

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STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION.

TABLE 4.—INCREASE and DECREASE of NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and twelve months ending

	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Artillery. Horse and Field.	Royal Artillery. Garrison.*	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.
Strength on 1st Oct., 1904 ..	1,284	19,483	29,959	23,449*	10,249	7,558
INCREASE.						
Recruits joined. Long service 12 years..	1	98	201	165	86	73
Short service 2 years .	—	—	—	—	95	—
Short service 3 years .	—	65	3,622	1,228	469	2,139
Short service 7 years..	—	110	—	—	—	—
Short service 8 years..	122	2,102	—	—	—	—
Short service 9 years..	—	—	—	1,024	—	—
Colonial Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—
Re-enlisted	8	5	18	5	1	4
	131	2,380	3,841	2,422	651	2,216
Joined from desertion	7	171	223	110	38	74
From Army Reserve	—	10	20	19	3	55
†Taken on British Establishment	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other causes	—	61	—	132	—	—
Total increase.. ..	138	2,622	4,084	2,683	692	2,345
DECREASE.						
Died	3	107	165	169	46	14
Discharged. After 21 years' service ..	15	76	77	77	100	19
Prematurely, after 18 years' service, under Pay Warrant.. ..	5	35	30	41	16	8
On completing 1st Period..	14	147	223	253	17	26
As invalids..	19	286	374	298	88	225
By purchase	10	134	103	104	53	65
Under Section 81, Army Act	6	79	36	5	7	82
Free, under Pay Warrant—Article 1142 (ii.). ..	3	19	84	35	3	8
Article 1142 (iii.). ..	—	21	11	10	4	6
Not likely to become efficient soldiers.. ..	3	57	141	79	22	273
On conviction of making a false answer on attestation	2	6	24	11	—	12
For misconduct	3	263	345	293	40	105
Miscellaneous	19	142	136	87	97	44
	99	1,265	1,584	1,293	447	873
Struck off as deserters	13	234	271	204	43	148
To Army Reserve. On completion of service	—	1,730	2,025	1,235	344	1,096
On conversion of service	26	380	558	66	511	8
Relegated	—	3	8	3	—	5
To Auxiliary Forces	1	21	22	41	14	9
"Given up" as deserters ..	—	2	—	—	—	—
†Struck off British Establishment	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other causes	8	—	47	—	19	20
Total decrease ..	150	3,742	4,680	3,011	1,424	2,173
Net increase	—	—	—	—	—	172
Net decrease	12	1,120	596	328	732	—
Strength on 1st Oct., 1905 ..	1,272	18,363	29,363	23,121*	9,517	7,730

* Including Artillery Clerks. † Comprising Indian Native Troops borrowed from

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MEN on the Regimental Strength of each Arm of the Service during the 30th September, 1905.

Infantry of the Line.	Colonial Corps.	Native Troops (borrowed). †	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	Army Veterinary Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	All Arms.
156,055	6,404	7,173	6,196	3,888	2,171	857	48	—	274,774
931	—	—	85	13	48	—	—	—	1,701
—	—	—	665	—	—	—	—	—	760
1,947	—	—	137	559	59	—	—	15	10,240
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	110
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,224
19,292	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20,316
—	473	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	473
73	5	—	6	1	13	—	—	—	139
22,243	478	—	893	573	120	—	—	15	35,963
1,454	46	—	39	24	3	—	—	—	2,189
201	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	311
—	—	5,707	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,707
—	21	—	35	35	—	—	99	—	383
23,898	545	5,707	968	634	123	—	99	15	44,553
814	38	31	25	8	5	7	—	—	1,432
366	11	—	35	23	21	10	—	—	830
132	15	—	9	6	1	1	—	—	299
2,687	325	—	14	18	5	—	—	—	3,729
2,614	194	—	55	47	21	5	—	—	4,226
470	10	—	9	16	12	2	—	—	988
398	4	—	6	8	1	—	—	—	632
351	22	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	528
114	4	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	173
1,208	9	—	18	10	2	—	—	—	1,822
38	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	94
1,831	56	—	80	60	14	—	—	—	3,090
2,553	34	—	81	86	15	1	—	—	3,295
12,762	684	—	309	277	94	19	—	—	19,706
2,000	79	3	49	34	7	—	—	—	3,085
9,932	48	—	539	227	87	3	—	—	17,266
7,368	77	—	3	10	3	1	—	15	9,026
23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42
511	—	—	—	15	—	—	—	—	634
7	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	10
—	—	7,559	—	—	—	—	—	—	7,559
389	—	—	—	—	36	13	—	—	532
33,806	926	7,593	925	572	232	43	—	15	59,292
—	—	—	43	62	—	—	99	—	—
9,908	381	1,886	—	—	109	43	—	—	14,739
146,147	6,023	5,287	6,239	3,950	2,062	814	147	—	260,035

India and stationed in the Colonies and North China, or employed in Somaliland.

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TABLE 5.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

	1st Jan. 1896.	1st Jan. 1897.	1st Jan. 1898.	1st. Jan. 1899.
Strength on	213,531	212,231	212,393	222,373
INCREASE.				
Recruits joined. Long service, 12 years ..	1,638	1,985	2,485	1,670
Short service: 1 year ..	—	—	—	40
2 years ..	—	—	—	—
3 years ..	1,866	2,164	5,949	5,966
7 years ..	25,028	30,866	31,115	32,531
8 years ..	—	—	—	—
9 years ..	—	—	—	—
Colonial Corps	—	—	1,180	2,493
Re-enlisted: Rl. Garrison Regiment	—	—	—	—
Others	—	—	—	—
Joined from desertion	1,538	1,594	1,789	2,022
From Army Reserve	57	68	4,578	55,662
From Militia Reserve	—	—	—	2,137
Taken on British Establishment / Other causes	856	407	207	82
Total increase	30,983	37,084	47,303	102,603
DECREASE.				
Died	1,769	2,067	2,578	2,457
Discharged. After 21 years' service ..	595	653	583	584
Prematurely, after 18 years' service, under Pay Warrant ..	252	277	201	250
On completing 1st Period ..	1,066	1,464	1,288	857
As Invalids	3,579	3,727	3,683	3,377
By purchase..	1,430	1,718	1,574	1,432
Under Section 81, Army Act	1,039	1,324	1,649	1,482
Free, under Pay Warrant:— Article 1142 (ii.).. ..	—	—	—	328
Article 1142 (iii.) ..	388	463	387	381
Not likely to become efficient soldiers ..	531	720	586	633
On conviction of making a false answer on attestation	188	217	229	202
For misconduct	1,737	1,654	1,945	1,956
Miscellaneous	591	749	858	1,123
Total discharged ..	11,396	12,966	12.983	12,605
Struck off as deserters	3,357	3,669	4,107	4,504
To Army Reserve: On completion of service	12,433	15,229	14,888	11,694
On conversion of service	1,459	1,406	1,288	1,149
Relegated	49	67	69	61
On demobilization ..	—	—	—	—
To Militia Reserve	—	—	—	—
To Auxiliary Forces	684	694	664	560
"Given up" as deserters ..	60	48	66	55
Struck off British Establishment .. .. .. / Other causes	1,076	776	680	977
Total decrease	32,283	36,922	37,323	34,062
Net increase	—	162	9,980	68,541
Net decrease	1,300	—	—	—
Strength on 1st January in following year	212,231	212,393	222,373	290,914

(*a*) Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 10,242; City of London Imperial Volunteers, 1,664.

(*b*) Chiefly caused by Indian Native troops brought on British Establishment.

(*c*) Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 16,597.

(*d*) Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 7,035. * Figures for nine months only.

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and MEN on the Regimental Strength of the Army during each year from 1893.

1st Jan. 1900.	1st Jan. 1901.	1st Jan. 1902.	1st Jan. 1903. (9 months.)	1st Oct. 1903.	1st Oct. 1904.
290,914	406,443	383,462	311,386	279,303	274,774
2,107	2,004	1,894	1,524*	1,813	1,701
24,449 (*a*)	23,373 (*c*)	10,573 (*d*)	—	—	—
—	—	—	244*	827	760
7,619	8,950	38,942	27,556*	38,550	10,240
37,974	34,203	9,917	—	—	110
—	—	—	—	89	2,224
—	—	—	—	—	20,316
1,560	1,882	924	506*	792	473
522	4,052	2,250	1,121*	561	—
24,130	1,187 (*e*)	540 (*f*)	75*	10	139
2,438	2,689	2,851	2,241*	2,673	2,189
18,717	1,188	1,253	491*	399	311
11,437	1	23	5*	—	—
21,845 (*b*)	517	975	4,779*	{ 4,008 430	5,707 383
152,798	80,046	70,142	38,542*	50,152	44,553
10,153	5,969	3,896	1,560*	1,699	1,432
176	504	917	669*	709	830
21	70	263	285*	293	299
827	18,689	31,373	6,125*	5,354	3,729
5,927	9,614	8,869	4,074*	4,973	4,226
81	143	3,074	2,896*	1,795	938
56	76	1,244	655*	661	632
56	155	370	478*	492	528
470	535	462	460*	385	173
755	1,038	1,658	969*	1,373	1,822
244	304	332	181*	174	94
1,901	2,521	2,903	2,972*	3,656	3,090
4,655	37,174 (*h*)	28,625 (*i*)	4,434*	1,542	3,295
15,169	70,823	80,090	24,198*	21,407	19,706
6,378	7,636	7,162	4,653*	3,959	3,035
63	559	18,781	26,349*	15,205	17,266
2,951 (*g*)	360	355	1,412*	1,956	9,026
41	85	137	54*	66	42
—	—	17,559	10,340*	28	—
—	2,486	7,053	6*	—	—
1,211	883	679	714*	817	634
112	108	89	65*	44	10
1,191	14,268	6,417	1,283*	{ 8,755 745	7,559 532
37,269	103,027	142,218	70,625*	54,681	59,292
115,529	—	—	—	—	—
—	22,981	72,076	32,083*	4,529	14,739
			1st Oct. 1903.	1st Oct. 1904.	1st Oct. 1905.
406,443	383,462	311,386	279,303	274,774	260,035

(*e*) Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 655, re-enlisted for one year.
(*f*) Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 204, re-enlisted for one year.
(*g*) Includes 2,869 men of Volunteer Waiting Companies (Army Order 29 of 1900).
(*h*) Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 9,342; Infantry Royal Reserve Regiments 17,779; also Volunteers and other one-year men.
(*i*) Includes Imperial Yeomanry 20,801; also Volunteers and other one-year men

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TABLE 6.—DISTRIBUTION of the numbers on the Regimental Strength of the Army BY ARMS, ALL RANKS, on the 1st October, 1905, with the Total Establishment of each Arm of the Service.

	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Artillery. Horse and Field.	Royal Artillery. Garrison.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps and Dept.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	Army Veterinary Corps.	Colonial Corps and Indian Native Troops.	All Arms.
AT HOME—														
England and Wales	1,360	6,655	13,561	9,074	6,003	8,053	43,785	4,624	1,238	2,865	511	104	—	97,833
Ireland	—	2,586	4,220	826	764	—	15,475	1,156	248	456	100	—	—	25,831
Scotland	—	446	209	433	183	—	3,717	102	54	84	62	—	—	5,290
Guernsey and Alderney	—	—	—	159	13	—	594	6	8	9	4	—	—	793
Jersey	—	—	—	166	5	—	—	3	3	6	—	—	—	183
Total...	1,360	9,687	17,990	10,658	6,968	8,053	63,571	5,891	1,551	3,420	677	104	—	129,930
EAST INDIES—														
Northern Command	—	2,074	2,247	1,520	—	—	14,675	—	22	—	—	—	—	20,538
Western Command	—	730	3,460	2,048	—	—	14,866	—	12	—	—	—	—	21,146
Eastern Command	—	2,554	2,273	1,185	—	—	16,063	—	30	—	—	—	—	22,105
Secunderabad Division	—	1,405	1,776	146	—	—	5,395	—	15	—	—	—	—	8,737
Burmah Division	—	—	—	309	—	—	4,120	—	7	—	—	—	—	4,436
Royal Artillery Staff, unposted, &c.	—	—	322	103	343	—	—	—	5	326	—	—	—	1,099
Total...	—	6,763	10,078	5,311	343	—	55,119	—	121	326	—	—	—	78,061

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COLONIES AND EGYPT—														
South Africa	—	2,579	2,322	371	978	—	11,921	640	267	581	80	41	—	19,780
West Africa	—	—	—	186	32	—	—	3	12	15	2	—	2,215	2,465
Barbados, &c.	—	—	—	219	43	—	390	10		36	5	—	542	1,256
Bermuda	—	—	—	455	276	—	1,836	18	50	38	5	—	—	2,678
Dominion of Canada	—	—	—	699	317	—	734	20	38	27	8	—	—	1,843
Ceylon	—	—	—	348	106	—	905	6	21	34	4	—	244	1,668
China and Hong Kong	—	—	—	702	211	—	875	37	34	77	10	—	1,022	2,968
Cyprus	—	—	—	—	—	—	102	2	—	8	1	—	—	113
Gibraltar	—	—	—	1,909	451	—	2,528	95	75	98	16	—	—	5,172
Jamaica, &c.	—	—	—	230	101	—	191	16	13	28	4	—	1,213	1,796
Malta	—	—	—	2,035	386	—	5,689	96	82	190	26	—	536	9,040
Mauritius	—	—	—	267	171	—	861	6	13	37	1	—	186	1,542
St. Helena	—	—	—	178	44	—	--	5	5	6	1	—	—	239
Straits Settlements	—	—	—	354	109	—	929	10	15	29	4	—	262	1,712
Egypt	—	120	—	189	115	—	3,604	83	42	83	11	4	—	4,251
Indian Native Infantry (including miscellaneous Indian troops, N. China)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,533	5,533
Particular service, &c.	—	—	160	63	59	—	753	1	73	—	—	—	—	1,109
Total	—	2,699	2,482	8,200	3,399	—	31,318	1,048	751	1,287	178	45	11,753	63,165
CRETE	—	—	—	—	8	—	947	5	—	16	1	—	—	977
GENERAL TOTAL at Home and Abroad	1,360	19,149	30,550	24,174	10,718	8,053	150,955	6,944	2,423	5,049	856	149	11,753	272,133
ESTABLISHMENT as provided for in Army Estimates...	1,290	19,194	29,878	22,851	10,891	8,254	165,237	7,036	2,484	5,038	900	221	12,762	286,036

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TABLE 7.—DISTRIBUTION of the Units of each Arm of the Service on the 1st October, 1905.

	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Artillery.							Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.		Army Service Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Indian Infantry Battalions.	Colonial Corps.			
			Horse.		Field.		Garrison.											R.A.	R.E.	Infantry.	
	Regiments.	Regiments.	Batteries.	Depôts.	Batteries.	Depôts.	Mountain Batteries.	Companies.	Depôts.	Units.	Battns.	Battalions.	Depôts.	Cos.	Cos.	Cos.		Cos.	Cos.	Battns.	Depôts.
AT HOME :—																					
England	3	10	13	2	66	5	—	35	6	51	10	46	51	53	13	17	—	—	—	—	—
Ireland	—	4	2	—	27	1	—	4	—	7	—	21	8	18	3	4	—	—	—	—	—
Scotland	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	3	10	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Guernsey and Alderney ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jersey	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	3	14	15	2	93	7	—	43	6	58†	10	71	69	72	17	22	—	—	—	—	—
EAST INDIES :—																					
Northern Command	—	3	4	—	9	—	5	6	—	1	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Western Command	—	1	2	—	18	—	3	11	—		—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eastern Command	—	4	3	—	10	—	—	8	—		—	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Secunderabad Division ...	—	2	2	—	8	—	—	1	—		—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Burmah Division	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—		—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
On passage, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	10	11	—	45	—	8	28	—	1	—	52	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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IN THE COLONIES AND EGYPT:—																					
South Africa	—	4	2	—	12	—	—	2	—	6	—	13	—	8	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
West Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	2	—
Barbados, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	$\frac{5}{8}$	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	—
Bermuda	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dominion of Canada	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	$3\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ceylon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—
China and Hong Kong ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3§	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	4	4	1	1	—
Cyprus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	$\frac{1}{8}$	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gibraltar	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—		—	3	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jamaica, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{3}{8}$	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
Malta	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	3	—	$6\frac{3}{8}$	—	1	1	—	—	5	—	—	—
Mauritius	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—
St. Helena	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Straits Settlements	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—
Egypt	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	$3\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
On passage, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	4	2	—	12	—	—	36	—	24†	—	35	—	11	6	—	7	19	5	4	1
Crete	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
General Total at Home and Abroad	3	28	28	2	150	7	8	107	6	83†	10	159*	69	83	23	22	7	19	5	4	1
			30		157			113													

* Including 3 Battalions, Royal Garrison Regiment, but exclusive of 1 Provisional Battalion.
† Excluding coast battalion, 11 sections, at Home, and 6 local companies in the Colonies.
§ Excluding Legation Guard.

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PART III—RECRUITING AND CASUALTIES.

TABLE I.—RETURN showing the number of Recruits raised for the Regular Army (with the percentage of Infantry Recruits who joined the Territorial Regiment of the Regimental District), and for the Militia, by agencies under the orders of the Officer Commanding each Regimental District, Militia and Volunteer Artillery District, Engineer District, and Recruiting District, during the 12 months ended 30th September, 1905, and percentage of Recruits discharged for medical disability within three months of enlistment. Also the number of Recruits raised for the Regular Army during the last four years and nine months, and the number of men in each Territorial Regiment on 1st October, 1905, who were born in the Regimental District.

Recruiting Area and Headquarters of Districts.	Regular Army.						Militia.	Finally approved for the Regular Army during the past five years.					Number in territorial regiment on 1st Oct., 1904, born in the regimental district.
	For the territorial regiment of the district.	For other Infantry.	For other corps.	Total.	Percentage of Infantry recruits who joined the territorial regiment of the district.*	Percentage of recruits who were discharged for medical disability within three months from date of enlistment.		1901.	1902.	1903 (9 mths.)	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.	1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905.	
NORTHERN.													
Border.													
Militia and Vol. Arty., Scarborough ..	..	15	64	79	..	..	18	112	105	81	84	79	..
4th Regtl. Dist., Lancaster	86	48	38	172	64·17	4·07	128	206	262	151	250	172	117
5th „ Newcastle	117	40	69	226	74·52	4·15	463	359	475	154	353	226	390
68th „ Newcastle	240	131	198	569	64·69		706	712	656	461	617	569	743
19th „ Richmond	121	22	56	199	84·54	5·76	205	174	228	128	227	199	735
34th „ Carlisle	46	16	25	87	74·19	2·30	74	194	250	40	122	87	255
Lancashire.													
Militia and Vol. Arty., Seaforth.. ..	..	59	119	178	..	..	143	230	304	198	185	178	..
8th Regtl. Dist., Warrington.. ..	67	32	23	122	67·67	6·64	122	299	238	178	230	122	569
40th „ Warrington.. ..	60	40	34	134	60·00		76	219	295	155	203	134	791

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20th „ Bury	133	12	11	156	91·72	3·20	194	324	665	285	304	156	1,339
30th „ Preston	146	82	92	220	35·93	6·31	453	584	799	388	333	220	653
47th „ Preston	97	81	77	255	54·49		251	746	768	285	408	255	954
63rd „ Ashton-under-Lyne.	287	21	16	324	93·18	4·93	346	349	547	467	603	324	1,490
Liverpool Recruiting District	..	327	202	529	..	3·78	553	1,289	1,301	630	661	529	..
Manchester Recruiting District ..	..	432	271	703	..	3·27	693	1,383	1,752	1,258	1,378	703	..
Yorkshire.													
14th Regtl. Dist., York..	155	90	119	364	63·26	3·84	116	259	250	176	260	364	1,025
15th „ Beverley	137	94	163	394	59·30	5·81	150	395	314	270	305	394	439
33rd „ Halifax	139	187	160	486	42·63	1·00	558	801	829	464	622	486	685
51st „ Pontefract	58	77	54	189	42·96	4·52	159	262	329	159	267	189	1,223
65th „ Pontefract	50	54	34	138	48·07		61	219	196	93	171	138	1,294
Leeds Recruiting District	..	219	142	361	..	3·60	450	431	512	364	427	361	..
Sheffield Recruiting District	..	195	99	294	..	3·74	313	538	641	501	429	294	..
Total	1,839	2,274	2,066	6,179	62·55	4·15	6,232	10,085	11,716	6,886	8,439	6,179	12,702
WELSH AND MIDLAND.													
Welsh Border.													
22nd Regtl. Dist., Chester	215	115	180	510	65·15	7·45	241	695	923	464	1,013	510	723
23rd „ Wrexham	90	10	41	141	90·00	7·80	241	82	104	41	111	141	253
24th „ Brecon	139	150	147	436	48·09	3·89	577	265	468	257	473	436	365
41st „ Cardiff	271	156	317	744	63·46	6·31	1,406	904	1,685	715	693	744	308
53rd „ Shrewsbury.. ..	127	37	53	217	77·43	2·76	147	253	258	194	287	217	609
North Midland.													
10th Regtl. Dist., Lincoln	183	38	72	293	82·80	1·36	297	378	314	229	269	293	791
17th „ Leicester	266	71	126	463	78·96	2·80	273	539	546	374	487	463	1,130
38th „ Lichfield	114	114	59	287	50·00	2·67	277	417	426	194	444	287	1,292
64th „ Lichfield	181	119	87	387	60·33		432	547	421	214	405	387	1,147
45th „ Derby	255	334	364	953	43·29	5·98	448	884	754	433	1,117	953	1,193
Total	1,841	1,144	1,446	4,431	61·67	4·76	4,339	4,964	5,899	3,115	5,299	4,431	7,811

* This column applies only to Recruits raised by agencies under the Officer Commanding the Regimental District, Recruits raised in Recruiting or Artillery Districts being left out of account in arriving at the percentage.

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TABLE 1.—*continued.*

Recruiting Area and Headquarters of Districts.	Regular Army. For the territorial regiment of the district.	For other Infantry.	For other corps.	Total.	Percentage of Infantry recruits who joined the territorial regiment of the district.*	Percentage of recruits who were discharged for medical disability within three months from date of enlistment.	Militia.	Finally approved for the Regular Army during the past five years. 1901.	1902.	1903. (9 mths.)	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.	1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905.	Number in territorial regiment on 1st Oct., 1904, born in the regimental district.
SOUTHERN.													
South Midland.													
6th Regtl. Dist., Warwick	160	46	46	252	77·67	3·17	98	267	429	280	501	252	1,924
28th " Bristol . ..	240	180	362	782	57·14	3·45	655	482	789	399	796	782	1,378
29th " Worcester	213	16	61	290	93·01	2·06	110	271	580	413	382	290	976
43rd " Oxford	102	28	36	166	78·46	..	235	292	254	146	211	166	1,071
49th " Reading	174	34	67	275	83·65	2·18	179	377	383	258	540	275	701
Birmingham Recruiting District ..	..	579	320	899	..	6·89	638	1,226	1,836	795	1,386	899	..
Western Counties.													
Militia and Vol. Arty., Gosport	..	..	30	30	..	16·66	..	25	28	15	26	30	..
Militia and Vol. Arty., Devonport ..	..	29	88	117	..	6·83	50	158	227	145	136	117	..
11th Regtl. Dist., Exeter	195	42	130	367	82·2	1·90	372	254	366	220	325	367	1,204
13th " Taunton	197	51	131	379	79·44	2·11	172	382	432	298	326	379	918
32nd " Bodmin	24	7	29	60	77·42	1·66	183	82	65	58	84	60	167
37th " Winchester.. ..	190	206	447	843	47·97	3·32	373	978	1,012	532	799	843	1,315
39th " Dorchester	128	20	93	241	86·48	3·32	196	224	338	126	256	241	529
62nd " Devizes	277	39	60	376	87·65	1·33	253	275	309	234	495	376	1,221
Devonport Engineer District	..	..	14	14	..	..	22	..	36	13	15	14	..
Total	1,900	1,277	1,914	5,091	73·95	3·51	3,536	5,293	7,084	3,932	6,278	5,091	11,404

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EASTERN.													
Eastern Counties.													
Militia and Vol. Arty., Yarmouth ..	..	49	92	141	..	1·41	159	102	117	70	117	141	..
9th Regtl. Dist., Norwich	83	205	174	462	28·81	1·73	516	360	542	326	593	462	1,307
12th ,, Bury St. Edmunds..	166	254	283	703	39·52	4·12	711	551	777	520	829	703	1,525
16th ,, Bedford	158	42	84	284	79·00	3·87	810	406	379	273	363	284	999
44th ,, Warley	220	321	267	808	40·66	1·85	540	474	586	626	871	808	1,122
48th ,, Northampton ..	183	54	90	327	77·21	1·22	199	422	408	300	408	327	695
Home Counties.													
Militia and Vol. Arty., Dover	..	77	211	288	..	2·08	46	254	333	245	418	288	..
2nd Regtl. Dist., Guildford	180	63	99	342	74·07	1·17	118	415	432	149	333	342	922
3rd ,, Canterbury	49	281	341	671	14·84	1·49	366	498	478	275	549	671	799
7th ,, Hounslow	200	122	99	421	62·11	2·37	160	567	462	249	425	421	2,395
31st ,, Kingston	139	216	64	419	39·15	2·38	370	103	175	158	424	419	737
35th ,, Chichester	203	122	246	571	62·46	0·87	267	489	664	449	666	571	1,309
50th ,, Maidstone	125	31	48	204	80·12	6·86	80	243	373	251	323	204	863
Chatham (S.M.E.)	..	..	63	63	..	..	..	189	90	44	77	63	..
Total	1,706	1,837	2,161	5,704	49·62	2·24	4,342	5,073	5,816	3,935	6,396	5,704	12,673
SCOTTISH.													
Highland.													
42nd Regtl. Dist., Perth	251	165	128	544	60·33	4·22	553	775	786	395	697	544	1,102
72nd ,, Fort George ..	71	6	18	95	92·21	5·26	176	70	104	40	79	95	622
79th ,, Inverness	48	6	20	74	88·88	2·70	195	47	44	48	92	74	167
75th ,, Aberdeen	123	73	53	249	62·75	3·21	146	226	225	140	219	249	611
91st ,, Stirling	177	141	72	390	55·66	1·02	429	370	341	173	326	390	460
Lowland.													
1st Regtl. Dist., Glencorse	131	63	40	234	67·52	3·41	268	158	121	97	226	234	491
21st ,, Ayr	73	47	21	141	60·83	5·67	95	150	138	71	160	141	143
25th ,, Berwick	88	49	54	191	64·23	4·18	245	103	165	110	163	191	283

* This column applies only to Recruits raised by agencies under the Officer Commanding the Regimental District, Recruits raised in Recruiting or Artillery Districts being left out of account in arriving at the percentage.

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TABLE 1.—*continued*

Recruiting Area and Headquarters of Districts.	Regular Army. For the territorial regiment of the district.	For other Infantry.	For other corps.	Total.	Percentage of Infantry recruits who joined the territorial regiment of the district.*	Percentage of recruits who were discharged for medical disability within three months from date of enlistment.	Militia.	Finally approved for the Regular Army during the past five years. 1901.	1902.	1903. (9 mths.)	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.	1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept. 1905.	Number in territorial regiment on 1st Oct., 1904, born in regimental district.
SCOTTISH—*continued.*													
Lowland—continued.													
26th Regtl. Dist., Hamilton	38	95	50	183	28·57	2·18	171	173	491	198	299	183	140
71st " Hamilton	50	76	79	205	39·67		176	272	395	130	222	205	460
Glasgow Recruiting District	..	515	373	888	..	2·36	540	1,572	1,377	626	828	888	..
Edinburgh Recruiting District ..	..	398	250	648	..	3·24	430	1,248	1,176	404	848	648	..
Total (Scottish Districts).. ..	1,050	1,634	1,158	3,842	59·28	2·91	3,424	5,164	5,363	2,432	4,159	3,842	4,479
IRISH.													
North Irish.													
Militia Artillery, Londonderry ..	..	36	23	59	..	1·69	65	43	45	70	85	59	..
27th Regtl. Dist., Omagh	103	10	44	157	91·15	0·63	232	154	197	94	151	157	709
83rd " Belfast	148	143	120	411	50·85	2·67	980	748	798	443	620	411	837
87th " Armagh	118	30	39	187	79·73	1·60	255	153	273	192	297	187	409
102nd " Naas..	119	28	10	157	80·95	2·54	192	165	230	141	189	157	922
Dublin Recruiting District	..	636	489	1,125	..	5·95	1,543	1,209	1,232	641	869	1,125	..
South Irish.													
Militia Artillery, Cork	..	85	107	192	..	6·77	121	225	464	188	259	192	..
18th Regtl. Dist., Clonmel	93	60	111	264	60·78	4·92	540	310	473	228	317	264	840

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88th „ Galway	79	30	32	141	72·47	3·54	408	169	177	196	189	141	694
100th „ Birr	72	106	78	256	40·45	3·51	471	219	347	176	278	256	416
101st „ Tralee	115	46	56	217	71·42	2·30	850	383	455	283	350	217	1,540
Total (Irish Districts)	847	1,210	1,109	3,166	65·15	4·13	5,657	3,778	4,691	2,652	3,604	3,166	6,367
London District.													
London Recruiting District	..	2,698	1,847	4,545	..	2·11	3,629	7,869	8,332	4,205	4,624	4,545	—
Woolwich Recruiting District.. ..	..	473	551	1,024	..	4·89	626	1,359	1,501	1,041	1,364	1,024	—
57th Regtl. Dist., Mill Hill	226	72	42	340	75·83	0·58	152	514	349	187	268	340	2,349
Total	226	3,243	2,440	5,909	75·83	2·58	4,407	9,742	10,182	5,433	6,256	5,909	2,349
English Districts	7,012	9,459	9,522	25,993	61·95	3·28	20,632	33,906	38,440	22,288	31,391	25,993	46,013
Welsh „	500	316	505	1,321	61·27	5·67	2,224	1,251	2,257	1,013	1,277	1,321	926
Scottish „	1,050	1,634	1,158	3,842	59·28	2·91	3,424	5,164	5,363	2,432	4,159	3,842	4,479
Irish „	847	1,210	1,109	3,166	65·15	4·13	5,657	3,778	4,691	2,652	3,604	3,166	6,367
Total	9,409	12,619	12,294	34,322	61·88	3·41	31,937	44,099	50,751	28,385	40,431	34,322	57,785

N.B.—The above does not include recruits raised at the headquarters of regiments, battalions, batteries, and embodied Militia units stationed outside their Territorial District.

* This column applies only to Recruits raised by agencies under the Officer Commanding the Regimental District, Recruits raised in Recruiting or Artillery Districts being left out of account in arriving at the percentage.

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TABLE 2.—RECRUITING.—The numbers rejected, attested, and finally approved, AT HOME, during each year from 1896, and for each quarter of the twelve months ending 30th September, 1905, showing the agencies by which, and the countries in which, the men finally approved were raised.

Year.	Recruiting Report.								Agencies by which Men Finally Approved were Raised.													Where Men Finally Approved were Raised.		
	Rejected before Attestation.		Attested.	Rejected after Attestation.		Before final approval.		Finally Approved.*	Head Quarters of Units.	Infantry Regimental Districts.					Artillery Agencies.†	Engineer Agencies.‡	Recruiting Districts under Recruiting Staff Officers.					England and Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.
	By Recruiters.	By Medical Officers.		By Medical Officers.	By Approving Officers.	Deserted.	Other losses			Paid Recruiters.	Special Paid Recruiters.	Paid Pensioners.	Ordinary Recruiters.	Total.			Paid Recruiters.	Special Paid Recruiters.	Paid Pensioners.	Ordinary Recruiters.	Total.			
1896	10,375	16,328	32,297	3,148	851	408	96	27,794	933	2,843	626	1,070	12,080	16,619	826	98	1,404	3,128	2,017	2,769	9,318	22,104	2,825	2,865
1897	8,945	16,947	38,519	3,269	943	507	59	33,771	910	3,340	669	1,610	13,450	19,099	876	78	1,875	4,992	2,598	3,343	12,808	26,284	3,561	3,926
1898	10,448	17,073	44,347	3,583	1,226	593	55	38,890	1,084	4,520	917	1,772	15,150	22,359	1,086	91	2,209	5,340	3,118	3,603	14,270	30,764	3,950	4,176
1899	8,618	16,174	46,731	3,829	1,302	717	156	40,727	1,219	4,353	936	2,376	15,748	23,413	984	93	3,571	3,933	3,511	4,003	15,018	32,307	4,420	4,000
1900	8,319	16,006	54,017	3,534	1,434	733	225	48,116	1,137	3,652	1,625	5,372	14,878	25,527	1,559	199	3,009	3,163	7,646	5,876	19,694	38,689	5,336	4,091
1901	14,508	15,783	52,337	3,454	1,533	810	235	46,305	1,500	4,441	1,514	5,894	13,484	25,333	1,168	155	3,823	2,765	6,965	4,586	18,119	37,283	5,211	3,811
1902	14,310	18,625	60,098	4,285	1,958	782	176	52,855	1,936	5,143	1,806	7,587	15,011	29,547	1,622	112	3,105	2,484	8,522	5,527	19,638	42,438	5,484	4,933
1903 (1st 9 months) ...	10,210	11,771	34,234	2,602	1,418	522	175	29,575	1,190	3,202	819	4,196	8,634	18,041	1,012	57	1,711	1,273	4,439	3,042	10,465	24,601	2,268	2,706
Year ending 30th Sept., 1904.	23,970	16,342	49,512	3,985	2,477	693	316	42,041	1,610	4,704	1,232	5,454	14,825	26,215	1,310	92	2,445	1,534	4,860	3,975	12,814	34,186	4,166	3,689
Quarters ended :—																								
1904-5 31st Dec., 1904	4,710	4,382	11,990	1,018	708	134	119	10,006	329	1,161	263	1,111	4,026	6,561	320	10	568	347	886	985	2,786	7,845	1,111	1,050
1904-5 31st Mar., 1905	5,696	5,466	13,023	1,283	784	165	129	10,683	329	1,181	374	1,120	4,351	7,026	327	11	609	420	906	1,055	2,990	8,498	1,275	910
1904-5 30th June, 1905	4,497	3,660	6,598	683	418	70	72	5,354	198	449	142	776	1,786	3,153	142	25	290	320	610	616	1,836	4,312	590	452
1904-5 30th Sept., 1905	5,479	4,173	11,375	910	723	122	97	9,518	383	875	283	1,207	3,041	5,406	295	30	494	514	1,055	1,341	3,404	7,828	879	811
Total for year 1904-5	20,382	17,681	42,986	3,894	2,633	491	417	35,561	1,239	3,666	1,062	4,214	13,204	22,146	1,084	76	1,961	1,601	3,457	3,997	11,016	28,483	3,855	3,223

* These numbers do not take into account certain casualties which take place before recruits join their units, and do not quite agree with the "recruits joined" shown in the Increase and Decrease Table on pages 46 and 47.

† Under officers commanding Militia and Volunteer Artillery Districts.

‡ Under Commanding Royal Engineers of Districts.

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RECRUITING AND CASUALTIES.

TABLE 3.—AVERAGE HEIGHTS, CHEST MEASUREMENTS and WEIGHTS of RECRUITS (excluding those for Colonial Corps) who were re-measured after completing 6 months' service and a Gymnastic Course during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1905, as compared with the average measurements of the same men on enlistment.

	Number of Men Re-measured.	Average Heights.		Average Maximum Chest Measurements.		Average Weights.	
		On Enlistment.	After Gymnastic course and 6 months' Service.	On Enlistment.	After Gymnastic course and 6 months' service.	On Enlistment.	After Gymnastic course and 6 months' service.
		ft. in.	ft. in.	inches.	inches.	lbs.	lbs.
Household Cavalry ..	86	5 11·72	6 0·14	37·60	38·01	150·60	154·48
Cavalry of the Line ..	616	5 6·21	5 6·58	35·89	36·90	128·57	137·22
Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	1,910	5 6·55	5 6·93	35·98	36·72	130·75	138·59
Royal Garrison Artillery	2,597	5 7·88	5 8·75	36·13	37·95	135·81	145·63
Royal Engineers.. ..	176	5 7·75	5 8·0	36·50	36·75	134·75	140·50
Foot Guards	1,692	5 8·48	5 9·30	37·37	37·74	141·49	150·74
Infantry of the Line ..	10,447	5 5·62	5 6·16	35·36	36·24	123·72	132·98
Army Service Corps ..	464	5 4·99	5 5·20	35·35	35·66	124·12	130·13
Royal Army Medical Corps.	71	5 6·64	5 7·15	34·93	35·65	123·38	136·76
Army Ordnance Corps ..	101	5 6·25	5 6·52	35·00	35·24	123·22	131·91

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TABLE 4.—NUMBER of RECRUITS taken on the strength of Corps at Home for each Arm for the year ending 30th September, 1905, and for all Arms for each year from 1896, showing the numbers who became Non-effective from various causes within Three Months of the Date of Enlistment.

—	Number of Recruits joined at Home.	Casualties within three months of Date of Enlistment.								Total serving at the expiration of Three Months from Date of Enlistment.	Proportion of casualties per 1,000 recruits joined.
		Died.	Deserted and not rejoined within 3 months of Enlistment.	Claimed Discharge under sec. 81, Army Act.	Discharged for Fraudulent Enlistment or for making false answers on attestation.	Discharged as Invalids.	Discharged as not likely to become efficient Soldiers.	Discharged for other causes.	Total.		
Household Cavalry	123	—	—	4	1	—	1	2	8	115	65·1
Cavalry of the Line	2,349	—	56	109	13	—	78	57	313	2,036	133·3
Royal Artillery	6,176	2	73	91	33	—	198	83	480	5,696	77·7
Royal Engineers	650	—	—	9	—	—	17	17	43	607	66·2
Foot Guards	2,212	2	19	112	14	—	261	29	437	1,775	197·6
Infantry of the Line ...	22,230	11	334	493	94	—	1,013	473	2,418	19,812	108·8
Army Service Corps... ...	887	—	7	4	—	—	19	23	53	834	59·8
Army Ordnance Corps ...	107	1	—	1	—	—	1	1	4	103	37·4
Royal Army Medical Corps	572	—	8	7	—	—	9	14	38	534	66·4
Total for year ending 30th Sept., 1905 ...	35,306	16	497	830	155	—	1,597§	699	3,794	31,512	107·47
1896	27,670	14	553	996	218	36	344	383	2,544	25,126	91·94
1897	33,475	19	737	1,225	186	66	448	543	3,224	30,251	96·31
1898	38,279	19	906	1,668	220	74	288	660	3,835	34,444	100·19
1899*	32,143	33	827	1,038†	167	43	341	656	3,105	29,038	*
1900*	44,685	70	1,499	24†	175	70	391	873	3,102	41,583	*
1901*	41,532	28	1,752	26†	252	68	651	1,108	3,885	37,647	*
1902	50,749	31	1,703	933†	221	103	1,279	1,359	5,629	45,120	110·92
1903 (1st Jan. to 30th Sept.)	29,130‡	12‡	605‡	590‡	122‡	50‡	595‡	650‡	2,624‡	26,506	90·08
1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904 ...	41,008	14	511	766	170	33	968	906	3,368	37,640	82·13
Proportion per 1,000—											
Year ending 30th Sept., 1904...	1,000	·34	12·46	18·68	4·15	24·41		22·09	82·13	917·87	—
Year ending 30th Sept., 1905...	1,000	·45	14·08	23·51	4·39	45·24		19·80	107·47	892·53	—

* The numbers for these years are incomplete.

† Discharges by purchase were suspended during the South African War, October, 1899, to May, 1902.

‡ Figures for nine months only.

§ These numbers include all men discharged for medical reasons in their first three months' service, and also some discharged on account of conduct.

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TABLE 5.—NUMBER OF RECRUITS WHO JOINED THE REGULAR ARMY IN EACH YEAR FROM 1896.

NOTES ON TERMS OF ENLISTMENT.

(i) *Terms on 1st October*, 1904.

The terms of enlistment on 1st October, 1904, were: for long service 12 years with the colours, and for short service (with certain exceptions) 3 years with the colours and 9 in the reserve. The following were the exceptions:—Household Cavalry, 8 years with the colours and 4 in the reserve; Drivers of the Army Service Corps, 2 years with the colours and 10 in the reserve; Railway, Telegraph and Submarine Mining Reserve of the Royal Engineers, and Army Post Office Corps, 3 years with the colours* and 3 in the reserve. Short Service in the Royal Malta Artillery is for 7 years with the colours and 5 in the reserve, and in other Colonial Corps for periods of 3 and 5 years with the colours and no reserve service.

(ii) *Changes introduced during the year ended 1st October*, 1905.

Under Special Army Order dated 20th October, 1904, short service in the Infantry of the Line became 9 years with the colours and 3 in the reserve.

Under Special Army Order dated 27th December, 1904, short service in the Cavalry of the Line became 8 years with the colours and 4 in the reserve; and under Army Order 168 of September, 1905, it became 7 years with the colours and 5 in the reserve.

Under Special Army Order of 9th January, 1905, short service in the Royal Garrison Artillery became 9 years with the colours and 3 in the reserve, except for Artificers, for whom it remained 3 years with the colours and 9 in the reserve.

Under Army Order 74 of April, 1905, short service for Drivers of the Royal Engineers became (from 15th April, 1905) 2 years with the colours and 10 in the reserve.

(iii) *Previous changes since the introduction of short service.*

The Army Enlistment Act of 1870, under which recruiting for short service was first authorised, was promulgated by Army Circular dated 10th August, 1870.

General Order 34 of 1874 defined the proportions in which recruits for long and short service respectively were permitted to be enlisted for the several arms of the service.

Under General Orders 51 of 1874 and 53 of 1875 recruits for the Royal Artillery and Foot Guards were permitted to be enlisted for long and short service indiscriminately.

Under Army Circulars 1874 (Cl. 67) short service in the Cavalry, Artillery, and Engineers consisted of 8 years with the colours and 4 years with the reserve, and in the Infantry and Army Service Corps of 6 years with the colours and 6 years with the reserve.

Under General Order 18 of 1878 all enlistments for Infantry of the Line, except men specially enlisted and boys under 16 years of age, were to be for short service.

Under General Order 80 of 1881 short service consisted of 7 years with the colours and 5 years with the reserve. This Order also defines the class of, and corps for which, men were to be enlisted for long service.

Under General Order 90 of 1883 short service in the Foot Guards consisted of 3 years with the colours and 9 years with the reserve.

Under General Order 66 of 1887 short service in the Royal Engineers consisted of 7 years with the colours and 5 years in the reserve, or 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve; and in the Army Service Corps and Medical Staff Corps of 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve.

Under Army Order 254 of 1890 short service in the Foot Guards consisted of 7 years with the colours and 5 years in the reserve, or 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve.

Under Army Order 11 of 1891 short service in the Medical Staff Corps consisted of 7 years with the colours and 5 years in the reserve, or 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve.

Under Army Order 60 of 1898 short service recruits for the Infantry of the Line were permitted to be enlisted to a limited extent for 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve.

Under Army Order 73 of 1902 short service in Cavalry of the Line, Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, Foot Guards, Infantry of the Line, Army Service Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps, and Army Ordnance Corps consists of 3 years with the colours and 9 in the reserve.

From 1st February, 1903, Drivers for the Army Service Corps were enlisted for 2 years with the colours and 10 years in the reserve (Army Order 31 of 1903).

From 15th December, 1903, short service recruits were enlisted for the Household Cavalry, the term being 8 years with the colours and 4 in the reserve (Army Order 209 of 1903).

* The 3 years with the colours are converted into reserve service immediately on enlistment.

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RECRUITS JOINED by Arms, showing terms of enlistment,

—		Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Artillery. Horse and Field.	Royal Artillery. Garrison.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.
1896	Long service ..	195	77	56	110	69	36
	Short service 7 years..	—	2,692	1,939	2,328	457	453
	Short service 3 „ ..	—	—	—	—	396	774
	Total	195	2,769	1,995	2,438	922	1,263
1897	Long service ..	150	85	99	82	86	67
	Short service 7 years..	—	2,341	3,458	2,718	472	710
	Short service 3 „ ..	—	—	—	—	259	1,285
	Total	150	2,426	3,557	2,800	817	2,062
1898	Long service ..	121	102	114	149	105	91
	Short service 7 years..	—	3,676	3,235	3,035	713	717
	Short service 3 „ ..	—	—	—	—	241	1,475
	Total	121	3,778	3,349	3,184	1,059	2,283
1899	Long service ..	145	88	194	195	73	51
	Short service 7 years..	—	4,705	3,811	2,952	965	665
	Short service 3 „ ..	—	—	—	—	364	1,439
	Short service 1 year ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total	145	4,793	4,005	3,147	1,402	2,155
1900	Long service ..	312	84	307	122	125	53
	Short service 7 years..	—	6,718	6,912	2,919	1,514	992
	Short service 3 „ ..	—	—	—	—	541	1,420
	Short service 1 „ ..	—	10,242‡	722	—	469	—
	Total	312	17,044	7,941	3,041	2,649	2,465
1901	Long service ..	201	112	163	152	130	82
	Short service 7 years..	—	6,243	6,674	2,699	1,287	815
	Short service 3 „ ..	—	10	—	—	393	1,401
	Short service 1 „ ..	—	16,597‡	75	—	828	—
	Total	201	22,962	6,912	2,851	2,638	2,298
1902	Long service ..	149	127	169	164	98	59
	Short service 7 years..	—	1,913	2,092	762	440	227
	Short service 3 „ ..	—	4,138	6,270	2,556	1,035	1,548
	Short service 1 „ ..	—	7,035‡	62	—	163	—
	Total . ..	149	13,213	8,593	3,482	1,736	1,834
1.1.03 to 30.9.03	Long service ..	49†	97†	224†	138†	42†	68†
	Short service 3 years..	—	247†	2,192†	2,783†	723†	1,076†
	Short service 2 „ ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total	49†	344†	2,416†	2,921†	765†	1,144†
1.10.03 to 30.9.04	Long service ..	25	99	211	173	75	99
	Short service 8 years..	89	—	—	—	—	—
	Short service 3 „ ..	—	390	2,142	3,672	1,037	1,897
	Short service 2 „ ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total	114	489	2,353	3,845	1,112	1,996
1. 10.04 to 30.9.05	Long service ..	1	98	201	165	86	73
	Short service 9 years..	—	—	—	1,024	—	—
	Short service 8 „ ..	122	2,102	—	—	—	—
	Short service 7 „ ..	—	110	—	—	—	—
	Short service 3 „ ..	—	65	3,622	1,228	469	2,139
	Short service 2 „ ..	—	—	—	—	95	—
	Total	123	2,375	3,823	2,417	650	2,212

* Various terms of enlistment. ‡ Imperial Yeomanry.

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and RE-ENLISTED MEN from 1896 to 1904–5.

Infantry of the Line.	Colonial Corps.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	Total (excluding Colonial Corps).	Total (including Colonial Corps).	Re-enlisted Men.
798	253	21	11	12	—	1,385	1,638	—
16,448	470*	—	183	58	—	24,558	26,894	—
—		501	178	—	17	1,866		—
17,246	723	522	372	70	17	27,809	28,532	—
864	485	23	11	33	—	1,500	1,985	—
20,173	808*	—	123	63	—	30,058	33,030	—
—		499	115	—	6	2,164		—
21,037	1,293	522	249	96	6	33,722	35,015	—
901	820	25	11	46	—	1,665	2,485	—
19,022	1,491*	—	273	133	—	30,804	38,244	—
3,515		441	268	—	9	5,949		—
23,438	2,311	466	552	179	9	38,418	40,729	—
805	423	52	11	56	—	1,670	2,093	—
19,006	2,070*	—	310	117	—	32,531	40,607	—
2,930		905	260	—	68	5,966		—
—	—	—	40	—	—	40		—
22,741	2,493	957	621	173	68	40,207	42,700	—
964	593	62	30	48	—	2,107	2,700	—
18,214	967*	—	392	313	—	37,974	71,009	—
3,322		1,748	353	—	235	7,619		—
12,232§		—	784	—	—	24,449		—
34,732	1,560	1,810	1,559	361	235	72,149	73,709	24,652
976	281	95	20	73	—	2,004	2,285	—
15,690	1,601*	—	412	383	—	34,203	68,127	—
5,482		1,008	656	—	—	8,950		—
4,748		—	886	—	239	23,373		—
26,896	1,882	1,103	1,974	456	239	68,530	70,412	5,239
896	423	167	10	55	—	1,894	2,317	—
4,270	501*	—	122	91	—	9,917	59,933	—
21,228		1,129	847	191	—	38,942		—
2,449		611	213	—	40	10,573		—
28,843	924	1,907	1,192	337	40	61,326	62,250	2,790
731†	27†	125†	—	50†	—	1,524†	1,551†	—
19,381†	479*†	358†	715†	81†	—	27,556†	28,279†	—
—		244†	—	—	—	244†		—
20,112†	506†	727†	715†	131†	—	29,324†	29,830†	1,196†
974	55	67	16	74	—	1,813	1,868	—
—	737*	—	—	—	—	89	40,203	—
28,768		261	282	101	—	38,550		—
—		827	—	—	—	827		—
29,742	792	1,155	298	175	—	41,279	42,071	571
931	113	85	13	48	—	1,701	1,814	—
19,292	360*	—	—	—	—	20,316	34,010	—
—		—	—	—	—	2,224		—
—		—	—	—	—	110		—
1,947		137	559	59	15	10,240		—
—		665	—	—	—	760		—
22,170	473	887	572	107	15	35,351	35,824	139

† Figures for 9 months only. § Includes 1,664 C[illegible]

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TABLE 6.—AGES on attestation of RECRUITS taken on the strength of the Regular Army during the Year ending 30th September, 1905.

—	Under 15 years.	15 to 16 years.	16 to 17 years.	17 to 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	21 to 22 years.	22 to 23 years.	23 to 24 years.	24 to 25 years.	25 and upwards.	Not reported.	Total.
Household Cavalry ..	—	—	—	—	51	36	17	7	4	5	3	—	—	123
Cavalry of the Line ..	33	54	11	4	276	1,041	407	194	208	80	50	17	—	2,375
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	115	59	18	4	1,609	809	458	274	203	135	128	11	—	3,823
Royal Garrison Artillery	116	39	9	2	708	462	368	216	166	145	159	27	—	2,417
Royal Engineers ..	64	10	14	—	131	106	108	74	66	36	37	4	—	650
Foot Guards	24	31	5	1	763	558	255	177	135	121	126	15	1	2,212
Infantry of the Line ..	454	435	57	94	11,724	4,121	2,020	1,186	824	634	546	68	7	22,170
Colonial Corps	8	4	1	3	11	13	17	15	8	7	2	3	381	473
Army Service Corps ..	54	29	1	4	413	149	82	59	39	24	25	8	—	887
Royal Army Medical Corps	12	3	—	—	274	105	42	42	17	16	24	37	—	572
Army Ordnance Corps ..	6	4	4	1	19	6	12	16	10	8	9	12	—	107
Army Pay Corps ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Army Post Office Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	15
Total	886	668	120	113	15,979	7,406	3,786	2,260	1,680	1,211	1,109	202	404	35,824

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TABLE 7.—Ages on attestation of the RECRUITS taken on the strength of the Regular Army in each Year from 1896.

Year.	Under 17 years.			17 and under 18 years.	18 and under 19 years.	19 and under 20 years.	20 and under 21 years.	21 and under 22 years.	22 and under 23 years.	23 and under 24 years.	24 and under 25 years.	25 years and upwards.	Not reported.	Total.
1896	1,204			90	12,486	6,336	3,061	2,043	1,468	953	706	155	30	28,532‡
1897	1,367			189	16,083	7,405	3,544	2,514	1,733	1,054	765	206	174	35,034‡
1898	1,530			212	17,362	8,538	4,242	2,738	2,162	1,313	950	193	1,461	40,701‡
1899*	—			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42,660‡
1900*	—			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	49,260‡
1901*	—			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	47,039‡
1902	1,593			604	21,066	9,652	5,906	3,893	2,978	1,750	1,498	764	1,973	51,677‡
1st Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903	1,499†			156†	13,127†	5,852†	3,335†	2,160†	1,450†	1,099†	952†	1,338†	58†	31,026†‡
1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904	1,789			132	19,567	7,955	4,373	2,848	2,098	1,590	1,384	906	—	42,642‡
	Under 15 years.	Under 16 years.	Under 17 years.											
1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905	886	668	120	113	15,979	7,406	3,786	2,260	1,680	1,211	1,109	202	404	35,824

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War. † Figures for 9 months only. ‡ Includes re-enlisted men.

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PART IV.—RE-ENGAGEMENTS, EXTENSIONS, PENSIONS, AND DESERTIONS.

TABLE 1.—RE-ENGAGEMENTS and EXTENSIONS of SERVICE of Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the several arms during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1905.

—	Re-engagements, to complete 21 years with the colours.					Extensions of Short Service during the past Year.																			
						From 3 years to complete 8 years.				Prom 7 years to complete 8 years.								To complete 12 years.							
	After 9 years' service.	After 10 years' service.	After 11 years' service.	After 12 years' service.	Total.	Under 1 year's service.	After 1 year's service.	After 2 years' service.	Total.	Under 1 year's service.	After 1 year's service.	After 2 years' service.	After 3 years' service.	After 4 years' service.	After 5 years' service.	After 6 years' service.	Total.	Under 1 year's service.	After 1 year's service.	After 2 years' service.	After 3 years' service.	After 4 years' service.	After 5 years' service.	After 6 years' service.	After 7 years' service.	Total.
Household Cavalry	—	1	22	—	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line	18	31	210	37	296	41	38	402	481	4	20	74	109	141	105	68	521	—	—	5	17	27	30	105	101	285
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	45	53	382	47	527	128	362	1,164	1,654	1	12	69	105	136	89	81	493	—	3	3	10	25	54	141	326	562
Royal Garrison Artillery	40	52	307	47	446	105	311	592	1,008	3	27	101	164	179	134	174	782	—	—	2	3	13	21	115	332	486
Royal Engineers ...	45	50	124	9	228	112	180	261	553	—	—	13	12	29	16	24	94	—	—	—	—	6	46	61	90	203
Foot Guards ...	10	7	37	2	56	314	161	164	639	—	2	5	39	30	31	38	145	1	2	—	—	3	17	49	28	100
Infantry of the Line	151	300	2,022	247	2,720	786	2,525	3,660	6,971	18	48	207	306	524	477	720	2,300	8	17	34	21	41	132	550	1,524	2,333
Colonial Corps ...	3	7	31	11	52	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	4	14
Army Service Corps	34	13	85	8	140	35	102	198	335	—	—	—	3	6	6	6	21	—	1	1	—	8	8	29	85	132
Royal Army Medical Corps	18	4	43	—	65	47	79	211	337	—	—	—	18	14	15	10	57	—	—	—	—	2	10	31	16	59
Army Ordnance Corps	27	14	45	—	86	7	15	25	47	—	—	3	9	4	3	—	19	—	1	1	—	6	8	16	9	41
Army Pay Corps ...	34	7	8	1	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	4	—	—	2	4	14	7	10	7	44
Army Veterinary Corps	—	1	1	—	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	—	3	1	1	7	—	—	—	5	4	3	2	2	16
All Arms ...	425	510	3,317	409	4,691	1,575	3,773	6,678	12,026	26	109	474	766	1,068	877	1,124	4,444	9	24	48	63	152	336	1,119	2,524	4,275

In addition to the numbers shown above, 275 men of the Royal Garrison Regiment extended their service to complete various periods.

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RE-ENGAGEMENTS, EXTENSIONS, PENSIONS, AND DESERTIONS.

TABLE 2.—RE-ENGAGEMENTS and Extensions of Service of Non-Commissioned Officers and men on the regimental strength of the Army in each year from 1896.

Year.	Re-engagements to complete 21 years with the colours.					Men enlisted for short service who extended their engagement.																	
						To complete a period of 12 years.									To complete periods of less than 12 years.								
	After 9 years' service.	After 10 years' service.	After 11 years' service.	After 12 years' service.	Total.	Under 1 year's service.	After 1 year's service.	After 2 years' service.	After 3 years' service.	After 4 years' service.	After 5 years' service.	After 6 years' service.	After 7 years' service.	Total.	Under 1 year's service.	After 1 year's service.	After 2 years' service.	After 3 years' service.	After 4 years' service.	After 5 years' service.	After 6 years' service.	Total.
1896...	458	499	2,044	—	3,001	3,628								3,628	592 (a)							592 (a)
1897...	391	409	1,945	—	2,745	3,064								3,064	740 (b)							740 (b)
1898...	454	477	2,050	—	2,981	3,232§ (c)								3,232§ (c)	1,574§ (c)							1,574§ (c)
1899*	370*	415*	1,401*	—	2,192*	2,562* (d)								2,562*(d)	739* (d)							739*(d)
1900*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1903 (9 months)	267†	369†	1,935†	550†	3,121†	143†	107†	136†	325†	1,112†	1,284†			3,107†	1,153†	718†	486†	239†	62†	41†	96†	2,795†(e)
1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904	556	680	3,821	575	5,632	21	55	112	210	354	539	1,839	1,868	4,998	2,237	4,662	17,573	17,555	18,173	11,681	12,427	84,308 (f)
1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905	425	540	3,317	409	4,691	9	24	48	63	152	336	1,119	2,524	4,275	1,601	3,882	7,152	766	1,068	877	1,124	16,470 (g)

§ A gratuity authorised to men of Foot Guards to extend their service with the Colours (Army Orders 1 and 36 of 1898).

(a) Including 70 special extensions (with bounty) abroad.
(b) Including 283 special extensions (with bounty) abroad.
(c) Including 552 special extensions (with bounty) abroad, and 198 extensions for two years under Army Order 23 of 1898.
(d) Including 55 special extensions (with bounty) abroad.
(e) Excluding 1,753 extensions in the Royal Garrison Regiment to complete 3, 4, or 5 years.
(f) This large number is due to the effect of "service pay." This came into operation on 1st April, 1904, and could be drawn by men of 2 years' service on condition that they are serving on an engagement (extended or otherwise) of not less than 8 years with the Colours. The greater portion of the extensions were among men who were serving on a 7 years' colour engagement. This number is exclusive of 1,741 extensions in the Royal Garrison Regiment to complete periods of from 3 to 7 years.
(g) This number is exclusive of 275 extensions in the Royal Garrison Regiment to complete various periods.
* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.
† Figures for 9 months only.

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RE-ENGAGEMENTS, EXTENSIONS, PENSIONS, AND DESERTIONS.

TABLE 3.—THE NUMBER of PENSIONS granted during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1905, and the number of Men discharged from the regimental strength of each arm of the Service.

—	* Total Number of Men Discharged from the Colours.	Pensions granted.			
		Permanent.			Temporary.
		To men discharged from Regular Forces.	To men discharged from Permanent Staff of Auxiliary Forces, Unattached List, &c.	Total.	
Household Cavalry	99	26	—	26	7
Cavalry of the Line	1,265	184	13	197	188
Royal Horse and Field Artillery ..	1,584	211	3	214	190
Royal Garrison Artillery.. ..	1,293	216	49	265	138
Royal Engineers	447	180	14	194	34
Foot Guards	872	47	5	52	54
Infantry of the Line	12,762	1,602	364	1,966	1,351
Colonial Corps	634	41	—	41	113
Army Service Corps	309	80	—	80	19
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	277	88	1	89	21
Army Ordnance Corps	94	36	—	36	10
Army Pay Corps	19	18	—	18	1
Army Post Office Corps	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms.. ..	* 19,705	2,729	449	3,178	2,126

In addition to the above, the following men, discharged from other than regimental establishments, were granted permanent pensions:—

Military Prison Staff	3	17
Corps of Army Schoolmasters	10	
School of Musketry..	3	
Military Staff Clerks	1	

Of the Permanent Pensions, 1,999 are ordinary long service pensions, 630 are those awarded to men of the Royal Garrison Regiment on reduction, and 566 are invalid pensions. All the temporary pensions are invalid pensions.

For details as to causes of discharge see the Table on pages 44 and 45.

* The numbers in this column do not include men discharged from Permanent Staff of Auxiliary Forces, Unattached List, &c.

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RE-ENGAGEMENTS, EXTENSIONS, PENSIONS, AND DESERTIONS.

TABLE 4.—THE NUMBER of PENSIONS granted, whether permanent or temporary, and the number of Men discharged during each year from 1896.

During	* Number of Men discharged from the Colours.	Pensions granted.	
		† Permanent.	Temporary.
1896	11,396	1,583	1,002
1897	12,966	1,665	1,042
1898	12,983	1,678	1,095
1899	12,605	1,676	1,356
1900	15,169	725	3,452
1901	70,823	1,523	9,722
1902	80,090	2,530	10,345
1st January to 30th September, 1903	24,198‡	2,113‡	2,775‡
Years ending—			
30th September, 1904	21,407	2,278	2,914
30th September, 1905	19,705	3,178§	2,126

* The numbers in this column do not include men discharged from the Permanent Staff of Auxiliary Forces, Unattached List, &c.
For details as to causes of discharge see tables pages 46 and 47.

† These numbers include pensions granted to men on discharge from the Permanent Staff of Auxiliary Forces, Unattached List, &c., but not those granted to men serving in miscellaneous Establishments (Military Prison Staff, &c.).

‡ Figures for nine months only.

§ Including 630 pensions awarded to men of the Royal Garrison Regiment on reduction.

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TABLE 5.—NUMBER of men struck off as Deserters from the regimental strength of each Arm of the Service during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1905, showing the services of the men, also the number who rejoined from desertion, and the net loss from desertion.

	Services of Men struck off.									Total struck off.	* Rejoined from Desertion.	* Net loss from Desertion.
	Under 3 months.	3 to 6 months.	6 to 12 months.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	Over 5 years.	Not stated.			
Household Cavalry	1	4	2	—	—	1	2	3	—	13	7	6
Cavalry of the Line	67	27	27	21	22	37	14	16	3	234	171	63
Royal Horse and Field Artillery..	59	33	27	34	62	23	16	14	3	271	223	48
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	34	23	36	37	22	29	11	12	—	204	110	94
Royal Engineers	1	4	2	8	5	9	13	1	—	43	38	5
Foot Guards	31	14	33	25	9	7	16	13	—	148	74	74
Infantry of the Line	583	298	368	373	152	80	52	91	3	2,000	1,454	546
Colonial Corps	9	7	9	15	16	1	—	9	13	79	46	33
Army Service Corps	7	8	9	9	7	4	1	4	—	49	39	10
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	9	—	2	4	9	3	4	3	—	34	24	10
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	—	1	—	3	1	2	—	7	3	4
Army Pay Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms	801	418	515	527	304	197	130	168	22	3,082	2,189 *	893 *

* The numbers rejoined from desertion do not include deserters who, having fraudulently enlisted in other than their original corps, were on discovery held to serve in their new corps. If these were taken into consideration, the net loss from desertion would be reduced.

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TABLE 6.—SERVICES OF MEN STRUCK OFF AS DESERTERS, and net loss from Desertion, showing proportions to 1,000 men of the average strength, in each year from 1896.

Year.	Services of Men struck off as Deserters.									Total struck off.	Proportion of Men struck off to 1,000 of Average Strength.	Rejoined from Desertion.	Net Loss from Desertion.	Proportion of Net Loss to 1,000 Men of Average Strength.
	Under 3 months.	3 to 6 months.	6 to 12 months.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	Over 5 years.	Service not stated.					
1896	771	486	721	690	699				—	3,367	15·88	1,538	1,829	8·63
1897	1,045	556	743	713	593				—	3,650	17·33	1,726	1,924	9·14
1898	1,302	712	873	626	513				48	4,074	18·81	1,934	2,140	9·88
1899*	—	—	—	—	—				—	4,504	19·42	2,022	2,482	10·70
1900*	—	—	—	—	—				—	6,378	16·98	2,438	3,940	10·49
1901*	—	—	—	—	—				—	7,686	19·24	2,689	4,997	12·51
1902	2,317	1,227	1,303	795	1,063				457	7,162	19·79	2,839	4,323	11·95
1st Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903..	1,120†	723†	843†	803†	1,138†				2†	4,629†	15·96†	2,212†	2,417†	8·33†
Years ending—														
30th Sept., 1904	921	547	680	768	968				75	3,959	14·27	2,673	1,286	4·64
30th Sept., 1905	801	418	515	527	304	197	130	168	22	3,082	11·80	2,189	893	3·42

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War. † Figures for 9 months only

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PART V.—RELIEFS AND REINFORCEMENTS.

TABLE 1.—DETAILS of TROOPS embarked for India during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1905, showing the Ages of Men composing Detachments.

—	Number of Units.	No. of N.C.O.'s and Men. In Units.	No. of N.C.O.'s and Men. In Detachments.	Detachments (Ages). Under 18 years.	18—19 years.	19—20 years.	20—21 years.	21—22 years.	22—24 years.	24—26 years.	26—30 years.	Over 30 years.	Not accounted for.	Total Units and Detachments.
From Home—														
Cavalry of the Line	1	563	509	21	1	—	80	120	176	51	35	25	—	1,072
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	1,368	4	2	19	335	359	366	153	84	46	—	1,368
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	932	7	1	16	276	139	236	144	52	61	—	932
Infantry of the Line	1	718	8,439	192	6	41	4,091	1,471	1,410	709	282	237	—	9,157
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	20	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	5	10	—	20
Total	—	1,281	11,268	224	10	76	4,782	2,090	2,190	1,059	458	379	—	12,549
From the Colonies and Egypt—														
Cavalry of the Line	—	—	91	—	—	—	36	28	21	4	2	—	—	91
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	3	239	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	239
Royal Garrison Artillery	2	144	8	—	—	—	4	—	1	1	2	—	—	152
Infantry of the Line	3	1,966	312	2	—	—	120	88	40	18	24	20	—	2,278
Army Ordnance Corps	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Total	—	2,352	411	2	—	—	160	116	62	23	28	20	—	2,763
Total—														
Cavalry of the Line	1	563	600	21	1	—	116	148	197	55	37	25	—	1,163
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	3	239	1,368	4	2	19	335	359	366	153	84	46	—	1,607
Royal Garrison Artillery	2	144	940	7	1	16	280	139	237	145	54	61	—	1,084
Infantry of the Line	4	2,684	8,751	194	6	41	4,211	1,559	1,450	727	306	257	—	11,435
Army Ordnance Corps	—	3	20	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	5	10	—	23
General total	—	3,633	11,679	226	10	76	4,942	2,206	2,252	1,082	486	399	—	15,312

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TABLE 2.—DETAILS of TROOPS embarked for the Colonies and Egypt during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1905, showing Ages of Men in Detachments.

—	Number of Units.	No. of N.C.O.'s and Men.		Detachments (Ages).									Total Units and Detachments.
		In Units.	In Detachments.	Under 18 years.	18—19 years.	19—20 years.	20—21 years.	21—22 years.	22—24 years.	24—26 years.	26—30 years.	Over 30 years.	
*From India—													
Cavalry of the Line	1	589	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	589
Royal Horse and Field Artillery.. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	238	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	238
Infantry of the Line	1	1,168	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,168
Army Ordnance Corps	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Total	—	1,998	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,998
From Home—													
Cavalry of the Line	—	—	223	4	—	9	35	54	59	21	15	26	223
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	503	13	18	91	90	79	107	73	25	7	503
Royal Garrison Artillery..	2	327	1,846	20	123	424	342	188	289	220	106	134	2,173
Royal Engineers	3	150	898	5	6	22	77	97	242	171	163	115	1,048
Infantry of the Line	3	2,081	3,967	93	647	1,397	739	367	312	188	109	115	6,048
Army Service Corps	—	—	297	8	2	9	26	35	76	40	57	44	297
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	249	—	—	14	42	38	54	26	35	40	249
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	116	—	2	2	10	8	13	21	25	35	116
Army Pay Corps	—	—	57	—	—	—	—	1	—	12	15	29	57
Total	—	2,558	8,156	143	798	1,968	1,361	867	1,152	772	550	545	10,714
Total—													
Cavalry of the Line	1	589	223	4	—	9	35	54	59	21	15	26	812
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	503	13	18	91	90	79	107	73	25	7	503
Royal Garrison Artillery..	2	565	1,846	20	123	424	342	188	289	220	106	134	2,411
Royal Engineers	3	150	898	5	6	22	77	97	242	171	163	115	1,048
Infantry of the Line	4	3,249	3,967	93	647	1,397	739	367	312	188	109	115	7,216
Army Service Corps	—	—	297	8	2	9	26	35	76	40	57	44	297
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	249	—	—	14	42	38	54	26	35	40	249
Army Ordnance Corps	—	3	116	—	2	2	10	8	13	21	25	35	119
Army Pay Corps	—	—	57	—	—	—	—	1	—	12	15	29	57
General Total	—	4,556	8,156	143	798	1,968	1,361	867	1,152	772	550	545	12,712

* In the case of troops from India the numbers accounted for are those *taken on the strength* of the Colonies from the Indian Establishment during the above period. The Cavalry regiment from India was taken on the strength in South Africa from the date of *disembarkation*, and the Infantry battalion from date of *embarkation*.

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TABLE 3.—DETAILS of TROOPS disembarked at Home from service abroad during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1905.

	Number of Units.	No. of N.C.O.'s and Men.		Details of Detachments.						Total Units and Detachments.
		In Units.	In Detachments.	Invalids.	Time Expired.	To Join Army Reserve.	To Join Home Establishment.	Other Causes.	Not accounted for.	
From India—										
Cavalry of the Line	—	—	484	167	52	232	20	13	—	484
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	3	233	991	222	131	424	178	36	—	1,224
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	698	160	102	241	156	39	—	698
Infantry of the Line	2	1,539	7,473	1,375	1,433	3,807	688	170	—	9,012
Army Ordnance Corps	—	2	12	—	—	—	4	8	—	14
Total	—	1,774	9,658	1,924	1,718	4,704	1,046	266	—	11,432
From the Colonies and Egypt—										
Cavalry of the Line	2	1,068	530	26	24	448	6	25	1	1,598
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	1	153	339	37	31	224	20	18	9	492
Royal Garrison Artillery	4	404	1,878	334	60	553	670	146	115	2,282
Royal Engineers	5	310	697	26	43	13	610	5	—	1,007
Infantry of the Line	4	2,227	7,554	851	1,379	3,738	1,175	396	15	9,781
Army Service Corps	—	—	231	12	—	13	203	3	—	231
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	363	38	15	59	209	42	—	363
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	194	8	6	2	174	4	—	194
Army Pay Corps	—	—	61	5	—	—	55	1	—	61
Total	—	4,162	11,847	1,337	1,558	5,050	3,122	640	140	16,009
Total—										
Cavalry of the Line	2	1,068	1,014	193	76	680	26	38	1	2,082
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	4	386	1,330	259	162	648	198	54	9	1,716
Royal Garrison Artillery	4	404	2,576	494	162	794	826	185	115	2,980
Royal Engineers	5	310	697	26	43	13	610	5	—	1,007
Infantry of the Line	6	3,766	15,027	2,226	2,812	7,545	1,863	566	15	18,793
Army Service Corps	—	—	231	12	—	13	203	3	—	231
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	363	38	15	59	209	42	—	363
Army Ordnance Corps	—	2	206	8	6	2	178	12	—	208
Army Pay Corps	—	—	61	5	—	—	55	1	—	61
General Total	—	5,936	21,505	3,261	3,276	9,754	4,168	906	140	27,441

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PART VI.—PUNISHMENTS AND REWARDS.

TABLE 1.—NUMBER OF COURTS-MARTIAL on Non-Commissioned Officers and men on the regimental strength of the Army held during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1905, showing the OFFENCES for which the men were tried, and the Punishments inflicted, in each arm of the service, at home and abroad.

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TABLE 1

(a) Courts-Martial and Offences.

—	At Home.												Abroad.												General Total.
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	All Arms.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry of the Line.	Colonial Corps.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	All Arms.	
Number of Courts-Martial...	18	424	629	285	39	407	3,718	150	32	10	2	5,714	135	365	458	48	3,115	71	23	32	9	—	4,256	9,970
Offences in relation to the Enemy	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Mutiny	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Desertion	5	143	213	77	11	100	1,277	30	11	—	—	1,867	4	12	16	9	134	11	—	6	—	—	192	2,059
Fraudulent Enlistment ...	2	10	26	24	1	20	185	3	1	4	—	276	1	—	11	—	20	—	—	—	1	—	33	309
Offences in relation to enlistment	—	23	16	20	—	28	213	3	1	—	—	304	1	—	12	—	39	—	—	—	—	—	52	356
Violence and disobedience to Superiors	—	55	79	40	8	61	508	24	—	2	—	777	26	100	106	8	921	7	3	5	5	—	1,181	1,958
Minor Insubordination and neglect of orders ...	3	66	95	31	5	79	610	14	1	1	—	905	35	59	84	5	667	19	7	7	1	—	884	1,789
Quitting or Sleeping on Post	—	18	20	—	—	6	30	2	—	—	—	76	9	19	10	—	85	5	—	—	—	—	128	204
Drunk on Duty	2	14	27	13	1	10	124	9	3	—	—	203	15	29	51	4	317	1	1	2	—	—	420	623
Drunkenness	1	24	32	19	2	35	277	15	2	—	—	407	12	37	86	8	565	1	4	1	3	—	717	1,124
Disgraceful Conduct ...	—	19	11	2	—	41	185	10	3	—	—	271	5	19	17	—	136	2	1	5	—	—	185	456
Absence without Leave ...	2	77	77	42	4	59	507	25	10	—	—	803	13	38	46	3	336	2	6	3	—	—	447	1,250
Making away with Necessaries	—	83	122	38	—	104	1,129	35	—	2	—	1,513	2	24	15	—	284	—	—	—	—	—	325	1,838
Wilfully injuring public property or equipment	—	3	1	3	—	1	31	—	—	—	—	39	—	—	—	—	49	—	—	—	—	—	49	88
Civil offences	2	1	11	8	—	2	59	—	—	2	—	85	1	9	15	—	88	14	—	1	—	—	128	213
Miscellaneous...	1	48	53	29	7	10	371	46	—	2	2	569	42	63	100	11	554	11	14	2	2	—	799	1,368
Total of Offences ...	18	584	783	346	39	556	5,507	216	32	13	2	8,096	166	409	569	48	4,195	73	36	32	12	—	5,540	13,636

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PUNISHMENTS AND REWARDS.

TABLE 1—*continued.*

(*b*) Acquittals, Pardons, &c.

Acquitted	—	16	18	5	—	6	68	7	—	—	—	120	8	15	21	4	123	3	—	—	—	—	177	297
Pardoned ... ... / Sentence wholly remitted / Sentence quashed ...	—	11	14	7	—	3	39	2	—	1	—	77	3	16	9	4	42	3	—	1	1	—	79	156
	—	27	32	12	—	9	107	9	—	1	—	197	11	31	33	8	165	6	—	1	1	—	256	453

(*c*) Punishments inflicted.

Death	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Penal Servitude	—	—	—	8	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	8	7	—	—	—	—	15	24
Reduction to a lower grade or to the Ranks	4	45	77	24	4	29	343	32	9	3	1	571	24	59	57	5	339	7	17	6	4	—	518	1,089
Reduction and Imprisonment	1	1	19	2	1	3	52	4	—	—	1	84	4	7	3	2	94	1	1	1	1	—	114	198
Summary Punishment under Sec. 44 (para. 5) Army Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stoppages, Fine or Forfeiture, without other punishment... ...	—	2	5	2	—	1	47	—	—	—	—	57	—	1	3	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	18	75
Imprisonment with or without Hard Labour	13	319	496	237	34	365	3,168	105	23	6	—	4,796	96	267	362	33	2,493	50	5	24	3	—	3,333	8,129
Discharged with ignominy without other punishment ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total of Punishments inflicted ...	18	397	597	273	39	398	3,611	141	32	9	2	5,517	124	334	425	40	2,950	65	23	31	8	—	4,000	9,517

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TABLE 2.—COURTS-MARTIAL, OFFENCES, and PUNISHMENTS, in each year from 1896.

(a) Courts-Martial and Offences.

	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1st. Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903	Years ending 30th Sept. 1904	Years ending 30th Sept. 1905.
Number of Courts-Martial	9,167	9,069	9,676	*	*	*	15,009	10,747§	12,017	9,970
Percentage to average strength during year† ..	4·32	4·31	4·47	—	—	—	4·25	3·84§	4·50	3·82
OFFENCES.										
Offences in relation to:—										
The enemy	—	—	5	—	—	—	12	1§	—	1
Mutiny	5	—	—	—	—	—	13	24§	—	—
Desertion	1,611	1,688	1,819	—	—	—	2,830	2,212§	2,617	2,059
Fraudulent enlistment	325	334	381	—	—	—	586	421§	370	309
Offences in relation to enlistment	397	449	509	—	—	—	422	358§	394	356
Violence and disobedience to Superiors ..	2,015	1,864	1,807	—	—	—	2,686	2,098§	2,254	1,958
Minor insubordination and neglect of orders ..	2,174	1,927	2,198	—	—	—	3,431	1,922§	1,916	1,789
Quitting or sleeping on Post	160	224	197	—	—	—	571	246§	238	204
Drunk on Duty	650	647	811	—	—	—	1,446	624§	698	623
Drunkenness	989	858	973	—	—	—	1,319	920§	1,065	1,124
Disgraceful conduct	791	756	773	—	—	—	915	481§	453	456
Absence without leave	1,229	1,148	1,296	—	—	—	1,818	1,391§	1,381	1,250
Making away with necessaries	2,224	2,083	2,239	—	—	—	2,564	1,789§	1,928	1,838
Wilfully injuring public property or equipment	1,093	1,200	1,036	—	—	—	1,027	2,861§	3,068	88
Civil offences										213
Miscellaneous										1,368
Total of Offences	13,663	13,178	14,044	*	*	*	19,640	15,348§	16,382	13,636

* Information incomplete owing to South African War. † The average strength taken does not include borrowed native troops.

§ Figures for 9 months only.

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TABLE 2—*continued.*

(*b*) Acquittals, Pardons, &c.

Acquitted	277	276	284	*	*	*	309	248§	338	297
Pardoned, Sentence wholly remitted, or Sentence quashed	‡143	177	169	*	*	*	267	181§	175	156
	420	453	453	*	*	*	576	429§	513	453

(*c*) Punishments inflicted.

Death	—	2	1	—	—	—	4	—	—	2
Penal Servitude	8	13	8	—	—	—	90	29§	13	24
Reduction to a lower grade or to the Ranks ..	1,066	1,132	1,188	—	—	—	1,182	1,034§	1,198	1,089
Reduction and Imprisonment	74	92	85	—	—	—	214	91§	86	198
Summary Punishment under sec. 44 (para. 5), Army Act..	1	—	1	—	—	—	222	5§	—	—
Stoppages, Fine or Forfeiture, without other punishment	42	28	32	—	—	—	115	54§	63	75
Imprisonment with or without Hard Labour	7,555	7,349	7,908	—	—	—	12,565	9,073§	10,144	8,129
Discharged with ignominy without other punishment	2	—	—	—	—	—	41	32§	—	—
Total of Punishments inflicted	8,748	8,616	9,223	*	*	*	14,433	10,318§	11,504	9,517

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War. ‡ One sentence quashed after punishment had been inflicted.
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PUNISHMENTS AND REWARDS.

TABLE 3.—NUMBER of MEN on the regimental strength of the Army tried by COURT-MARTIAL, and the total number of trials, in each year from 1896.

YEAR.	Number of men tried.						Number of trials.	Percentage of men tried to average strength.‡
	Once.	Twice.	Three times.	Four times.	Five times.	Total. Men.		
1896	7,126	803	125	15	—	8,069	9,167	3·81
1897	7,319	719	93	7	1	8,139	9,069	3·86
1898	7,859	737	90	17	1	8,704	9,676	4·02
1899*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1900*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902	10,930	1,540	230	61	1	12,822	15,009	3·63
1st Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903	8,874†	761†	101†	12†	—	9,748†	10,747†	3·48†
Years ending—30th Sept., 1904 ..	9,703	885	154	18	2	10,762	12,017	4·03
30th Sept., 1905 ..	8,062	771	95	19	1	8,948	9,970	3·43

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

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‡ The average strength taken does not include borrowed native troops.

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PUNISHMENTS AND REWARDS.

TABLE 4.—Number of GENERAL, DISTRICT, and REGIMENTAL COURTS-MARTIAL held on men on the regimental strength of the Army at home and abroad, from 1896.

Years.	Number of Courts-Martial.					
	General.	District.	Regimental.	Total.		Total.
				Home.	Abroad.	
1896 ..	16	7,073	2,078	5,241	3,926	9,167
1897 ..	26	6,987	2,056	5,269	3,800	9,069
1898 ..	16	7,456	2,204	5,463	4,213	9,676
1899* ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
1900* ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901* ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902 ..	3,480	7,887	3,642	7,479	7,530	15,009
1st Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903 ..	61†	8,729†	1,957†	6,054†	4,693†	10,747†
Years ending— 30th Sept., 1904 ..	53	9,575	2,389	6,808	5,209	12,017
	Home. Abroad.	Home. Abroad.	Home. Abroad.			
30th Sept., 1905 ..	6 26	4,664 3,199	1,044 1,031	5,714	4,256	9,970

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TABLE 5.—NUMBER of MEN on the regimental strength of the Army FINED for DRUNKENNESS, and the number of FINES inflicted, during the 12 months ending 30th September, 1905.

—	Number of Men Fined.												Number of Fines inflicted.
	Once.	Twice.	3 times.	4 times.	5 times.	6 times.	7 times.	8 times.	9 times.	10 times.	11 times.	Total.	
Household Cavalry	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Cavalry of the Line	213	69	18	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	308	439
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	408	119	39	27	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	595	882
Royal Garrison Artillery	871	320	159	57	17	7	2	—	—	—	—	1,433	2,357
Royal Engineers	158	33	17	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	211	288
Foot Guards..	145	63	32	9	3	—	2	—	—	—	—	254	432
Infantry of the Line	5,711	2,155	1,023	502	259	111	34	14	3	1	1	9,814	17,457
Colonial Corps	9	5	5	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	21	43
Army Service Corps	57	7	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	67	80
Royal Army Medical Corps	51	18	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	76	109
Army Ordnance Corps	23	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	33
Army Pay Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Army Veterinary Corps..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms	7,647	2,794	1,302	605	284	119	38	14	3	1	1	12,808	22,121

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TABLE 6.—NUMBER of MEN on the regimental strength of the Army FINED for DRUNKENNESS, and the number of FINES inflicted, in each year from 1896.

YEAR.	NUMBER OF MEN FINED.													Number of Fines inflicted.	Percentage of Men Fined to average strength.‡	YEAR.
	Once.	Twice.	3 times.	4 times.	5 times.	6 times.	7 times.	8 times.	9 times.	10 times.	11 times.	12 times.	Total.			
1896	7,592	3,411	1,668	945	443	223	98	40	15	5	1	—	14,441	27,953	6·81	1896
1897	7,959	3,333	1,764	866	369	158	68	40	14	5	—	—	14,576	27,146	6·92	1897
1898	7,770	3,352	1,600	756	382	177	79	33	9	4	1	2	14,165	26,243	6·54	1898
1899*	1,053*	408*	134*	54*	30*	4*	4*	1*	1*	—	—	—	1,689*	2,706*	*	1899*
1900*	2,277*	809*	379*	149*	52*	31*	7*	5*	1*	1*	—	—	3,711*	6,182*	*	1900*
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*	1901*
1902	9,756	3,471	1,606	833	374	158	73	15	5	1	—	—	16,292	28,352	4·62	1902
1st January to 30th September, 1903	6,725†	2,550†	997†	417†	183†	72†	19†	4†	2†	—	—	—	10,969†	18,014†	3·92†	1903†
Years ending— 30th Sept., 1904..	7,835	2,968	1,455	716	326	149	50	27	8	2	1	—	13,537	24,193	5·07	1903-4
30th Sept., 1905..	7,647	2,794	1,302	605	284	119	38	14	3	1	1	—	12,808	22,121	4·90	1904-5

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‡ The average strength taken does not include borrowed native troops.

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TABLE 7.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the number of men on the regimental strength of the Army in possession of GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS, in each year from 1897.

Date.	Warrant Officers.†	Serjeants.	Corporals and Bombardiers	Trumpeters, Drummers, and Privates.	Total.	Year.
1897, 1st January ..	†	936	82	491	1,509	1897
1898, " ..	†	917	87	467	1,471	1898
1899, " ..	†	986	76	513	1,575	1899
1900,* " ..	*	*	*	*	*	1900*
1901,* " ..	*	*	*	*	*	1901*
1902,* " ..	*	*	*	*	*	1902*
1903, " ..	†	1,001	86	570	1,657	1903
1903, 1st October ..	628†	875	94	439	2,036	1903
1904, " ..	652†	1,009	88	482	2,231	1904
1905, " ..	689†	1,135	101	554	2,479	1905

N.B.—The Good Conduct Medal is awarded to Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and men with not less than 18 years' service with an irreproachable character.

Warrant Officers, who were first granted the medal under the Royal Warrant of 12th June, 1902 (Army Order 155 of 1902), are not entitled to a gratuity, but a gratuity is now given on discharge to men of all other ranks in possession of the medal.

† The figures for Warrant Officers include those who received the medal before promotion to warrant rank. Statistics as to Warrant Officers in the same position prior to 1st October, 1903, are not available.

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

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TABLE 8.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the number of Trumpeters, Drummers, Buglers, and Privates on the regimental strength of the Army in possession of GOOD CONDUCT BADGES in each year from 1897.

Date.	Men with One Badge.	Men with Two Badges.	Men with Three Badges.	Men with Four Badges.	Men with Five Badges.	Men with Six Badges.	Total Men in possession of badges.	Percentage of men in possession of badges to strength.†	Year.
1897, 1st January	77,174	24,060	2,912	1,215	170	135	105,666	57·55	1897
1898, ,,	74,215	24,480	2,951	1,264	158	125	103,193	56·34	1898
1899, ,,	70,071	29,335	3,279	1,363	140	121	104,309	54·08	1899
1900,* ,,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*	1900*
1901,* ,,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*	1901*
1902,* ,,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*	1902*
1903, ,,	67,621	39,461	4,389	1,754	235	121	113,581	50·29	1903
1903, 1st October	71,539	32,879	4,309	1,723	218	89	110,757	47·92	1903
1904, ,,	69,421	38,862	5,990	1,943	251	78	116,545	50·63	1904
1905, ,,	62,389	42,704	6,705	1,991	270	72	114,131	52·77	1905

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.
† The strength taken does not include borrowed native troops.

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PART VII.—SERVICES AND AGES.

TABLE 1.—PAST SERVICES (irrespective of their terms of engagement) of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the several Arms at Home, in the Colonies, and in India, on the 1st October, 1905.

	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 6 years.	6 to 7 years.	7 to 8 years.	8 to 9 years.	9 to 10 years.	10 to 11 years.	11 to 12 years.	12 to 13 years.	13 to 14 years.	14 to 15 years.	15 to 16 years.	16 to 17 years.	17 to 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	Over 21 years.	Re-enlisted.	Not included.	TOTAL.
AT HOME.																									
Household Cavalry ...	117	86	68	100	124	174	65	68	65	49	35	37	25	37	34	33	44	31	30	18	25	7	—	—	1,272
Cavalry of the Line ...	1,903	372	727	1,007	1,284	1,319	757	367	129	143	173	179	138	139	113	85	72	95	68	70	43	42	28	38	9,291
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	3,965	1,832	2,985	1,761	1,365	1,523	681	433	257	244	278	307	256	253	242	236	268	169	112	111	88	104	154	—	17,224
Royal Garrison Artillery	1,844	1,579	1,536	383	398	465	413	442	264	287	305	331	324	241	190	166	186	201	180	105	105	181	65	—	10,191
Royal Engineers ...	698	867	685	466	476	498	382	286	144	170	147	172	142	197	174	153	173	139	138	132	130	—	32	—	6,401
Foot Guards	1,803	1,540	1,156	504	626	586	478	214	122	76	76	67	58	87	62	46	45	35	40	30	24	33	22	—	7,730
Infantry of the Line ...	18,018	15,164	6,739	2,085	1,825	2,190	2,203	2,158	1,101	903	1,124	1,213	1,055	1,216	789	667	507	485	451	378	353	327	242	66	61,319
Army Service Corps ...	820	1,017	786	435	434	340	218	155	121	128	82	100	99	106	96	73	79	66	56	62	48	9	32	7	5,369
Royal Army Medical Corps	480	253	490	312	102	196	147	106	46	70	56	61	67	67	65	42	54	14	49	63	54	36	30	—	2,860
Army Ordnance Corps...	92	165	125	125	152	116	89	56	48	37	40	41	34	36	29	15	25	18	15	14	18	5	17	—	1,312
Army Pay Corps ...	—	—	3	26	71	90	56	44	46	31	26	32	21	29	19	20	18	16	18	24	10	42	2	—	644
Army Veterinary Corps	—	1	10	24	18	21	5	3	3	1	1	6	1	2	1	—	2	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	102
All Arms ...	29,340	22,876	15,310	7,228	6,875	7,518	5,494	4,332	2,346	2,139	2,313	2,576	2,220	2,440	1,814	1,536	1,473	1,269	1,157	1,008	900	786	624	111	123,715
IN THE COLONIES, EGYPT AND CRETE.																									
Cavalry of the Line ...	63	19	168	446	536	528	249	83	80	48	22	45	47	67	35	36	24	19	18	22	12	7	3	9	2,586
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	75	181	205	333	474	482	273	86	38	23	15	20	27	14	20	20	16	16	8	8	6	3	2	53	2,398
Royal Garrison Artillery	370	1,117	1,151	703	879	887	862	444	186	163	166	144	98	57	84	73	89	73	73	44	56	41	25	49	7,834
Royal Engineers ...	8	36	341	648	599	454	173	95	57	45	45	73	79	60	39	45	72	64	71	44	50	—	15	—	3,113
Infantry of the Line ...	1,088	4,818	5,002	3,403	3,417	3,076	2,563	2,170	540	349	545	521	355	300	213	196	149	130	92	65	40	22	1,973	225	31,252
Colonial Corps	50	12	4	4	327	320	372	181	279	155	96	114	92	18	30	27	17	45	20	13	18	17	—	3,812	6,023
Army Service Corps ...	1	14	45	75	189	151	73	53	46	45	32	23	21	21	22	10	24	9	2	4	4	—	3	—	870
Royal Army Medical Corps	6	23	124	321	238	99	46	26	15	21	9	15	22	26	24	12	13	10	14	10	5	2	9	—	1,090
Army Ordnance Corps...	1	5	24	113	179	85	32	18	16	24	16	15	21	23	11	11	12	10	2	6	7	—	5	—	636
Army Pay Corps ...	—	—	—	3	5	14	12	19	15	13	16	5	8	6	8	14	10	8	9	3	—	2	—	—	170
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	3	7	7	9	3	3	2	3	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	2	1	1	—	—	1	—	45
All Arms ...	1,602	6,225	7,067	6,056	6,850	6,105	4,658	3,178	1,274	889	962	976	770	595	486	445	427	386	310	220	198	94	2,036	4,148	56,017

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TABLE 1.—PAST SERVICES (irrespective of their terms of engagement) of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the several Arms at Home, in the Colonies, and in India, on the 1st October, 1905.—*continued.*

—	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 6 years.	6 to 7 years.	7 to 8 years.	8 to 9 years.	9 to 10 years.	10 to 11 years.	11 to 12 years.	12 to 13 years.	13 to 14 years.	14 to 15 years.	15 to 16 years.	16 to 17 years.	17 to 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	Over 21 years	Re-enlisted.	Not included.	TOTAL.
IN INDIA.																									
Cavalry of the Line ...	171	238	248	1,254	1,321	1,190	611	398	188	138	147	158	102	93	64	39	27	23	24	27	7	13	7	—	6,486
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	41	171	543	1,242	1,678	2,096	889	845	334	272	353	449	214	142	99	79	80	69	44	34	27	32	8	—	9,741
Royal Garrison Artillery	36	452	530	405	554	752	568	513	214	152	217	196	153	82	58	61	53	58	39	14	7	16	13	13	5,096
Royal Engineers ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	3
Infantry of the Line ...	550	4,658	7,259	5,091	6,607	6,351	5,685	4,741	1,565	1,283	2,423	2,603	1,831	758	347	313	250	188	179	97	91	66	45	95	53,576
Army Ordnance Corps...	—	1	3	13	7	19	9	4	8	7	6	3	6	7	6	11	1	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	114
All Arms ...	798	5,520	8,583	8,005	10,167	10,890	7,702	6,501	2,307	1,852	3,146	3,409	2,306	1,082	574	503	411	338	288	175	133	127	73	108	75,016
AT HOME AND ABROAD.																									
Household Cavalry ...	117	86	68	100	124	174	65	68	65	49	35	37	25	37	34	33	44	31	30	18	25	7	—	—	1,272
Cavalry of the Line ...	2,137	629	1,143	2,707	3,141	3,037	1,617	848	395	329	342	382	287	299	212	160	123	137	110	119	62	62	38	47	18,363
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	3,681	2,184	3,733	3,336	3,517	4,101	1,843	1,364	629	539	646	776	497	409	361	335	364	254	164	153	121	139	164	53	29,363
Royal Garrison Artillery	2,250	3,148	3,217	1,491	1,831	2,104	1,783	1,399	664	602	688	671	575	380	332	309	328	332	292	163	168	238	103	62	23,121
Royal Engineers ...	706	903	1,026	1,114	1,075	952	555	381	201	215	192	245	221	257	213	198	245	203	210	178	180	—	47	—	9,517
Foot Guards	1,803	1,540	1,156	504	626	586	478	214	122	76	76	67	58	87	62	46	45	35	40	30	24	33	22	—	7,730
Infantry of the Line ...	19,656	24,640	19,000	10,579	11,849	12,117	10,451	9,069	3,206	2,535	4,092	4,367	3,241	2,304	1,349	1,176	906	803	722	540	484	415	2,260	386	146,147
Colonial Corps	50	12	4	4	327	320	372	181	279	155	96	114	92	18	30	27	17	45	20	13	18	17	—	3,812	6,023*
Army Service Corps ...	821	1,031	831	510	623	491	291	208	167	173	114	123	120	130	118	83	103	75	58	66	52	9	35	7	6,239
Royal Army Medical Corps	486	276	614	633	340	295	193	132	61	91	65	76	89	93	89	54	67	24	63	73	59	38	39	—	3,950
Army Ordnance Corps	93	171	152	251	338	220	130	78	72	68	62	59	61	66	46	37	38	28	18	21	26	5	22	—	2,062
Army Pay Corps ...	—	—	3	29	76	104	68	63	61	44	42	37	29	35	27	34	28	24	27	27	10	44	2	—	814
Army Veterinary Corps	—	1	13	31	25	30	8	6	5	4	1	7	1	2	1	1	3	2	1	2	2	—	1	—	147
All Arms ...	31,800	34,621	30,960	21,289	23,892	24,531	17,854	14,011	5,927	4,880	6,451	6,961	5,296	4,117	2,874	2,484	2,311	1,993	1,755	1,403	1,231	1,007	†2,733	4,367	254,748*

* Exclusive of 5,287 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.
† Includes 2,033 men of the Royal Garrison Regiment, 1946 in the Colonies and 87 at Home.

SERVICES AND AGES.

Table 2.—Past Services of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the several arms, at under their original engagements, and the number

—	Under Original Engagements.																		
	For 2 years with colours.		For 3 years with colours.				For 7 years with the colours.*								For 9 years with colours.‖				
	Under 1 year.	1 year to 2 years.	Under 1 year.	1 year to 2 years.	2 years to 3 years.	Over 3 years.	Under 1 year.	1 year to 2 years.	2 years to 3 years.	3 years to 4 years.	4 years to 5 years.	5 years to 6 years.	6 years to 7 years.	Over 7 years.	Under 1 year.	1 year to 2 years.	2 years to 3 years.	3 years to 4 years.	4 years to 5 years.
At Home.																			
Household Cavalry ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line ...	—	—	67	208	371	—	133	17	11	78	258	438	272	—	3	—	—	—	—
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	3,313	1,450	1,751	3	37	16	20	128	204	341	150	1	8	—	—	—	—
Royal Garrison Artillery...	—	—	744	1,214	944	1	7	8	9	21	71	82	70	8	871	—	—	—	—
Royal Engineers	89	—	466	602	338	—	3	—	—	17	18	39	39	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foot Guards...	—	—	1,605	1,141	714	**12	7	11	10	87	231	317	271	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infantry of the Line ...	—	—	1,660	13,167	1,490	70	95	66	28	177	309	479	564	17	15,340	2	2	2	2
Army Service Corps ...	592	637	138	195	349	1	1	—	—	7	20	22	14	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	451	199	259	23	1	—	2	15	6	14	12	—	—	—	—	—	—
Army Ordnance Corps ...	—	—	50	85	37	—	1	—	—	8	37	26	21	—	—	—	—	—	—
Army Pay Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	13	14	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Army Veterinary Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms	681	637	8,494	18,261	9,253	110	285	118	80	540	1,167	1,772	1,415	26	16,222	2	2	2	2
In the Colonies, Egypt, and Crete.																			
Cavalry of the Line ...	—	—	5	7	78	1	3	5	2	21	28	35	15	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	67	158	65	—	3	6	8	10	20	19	11	5	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Garrison Artillery...	—	—	282	1,063	841	11	10	10	10	21	69	85	57	35	63	—	—	—	—
Royal Engineers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	23	17	2	1	—	—	—	—	—
Infantry of the Line ...	—	—	203	3,979	3,025	545	26	57	38	108	182	270	309	260	725	—	2	—	—
Colonial Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Army Service Corps	—	—	—	4	2	1	—	1	1	3	7	5	5	1	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	—	5	7	33	3	6	—	13	38	4	3	2	—	—	—	—	—
Army Ordnance Corps ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	24	11	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Army Pay Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Army Veterinary Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms	—	—	557	5,217	4,018	591	45	85	59	208	392	447	407	305	788	—	2	—	—
In India.																			
Cavalry of the Line ...	—	—	7	53	2	—	21	16	6	35	84	77	58	44	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	21	23	13	4	7	16	12	18	67	117	95	116	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Garrison Artillery...	—	—	24	389	107	—	—	3	2	3	15	19	25	38	6	—	—	—	—
Royal Engineers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infantry of the Line ...	—	—	101	3,548	1,221	390	77	425	281	181	258	390	400	512	272	1	—	—	—
Army Ordnance Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms	—	—	153	4,013	4,343	394	105	460	301	237	424	603	578	710	278	1	—	—	—
General Total	681	637	9,204	27,491	17,614	1,095	435	663	440	985	1,983	2,822	2,400	1041	17,288	3	4	2	2

* Including men enlisted for three years, who have extended their service to complete seven years with the colours.
† Men enlisted for three and seven years, who have extended their service to complete eight years, and Household Cavalry
‡ Including 1,946 men of the Royal Garrison Regiment, in the Colonies, and 87 at home.
‖ Including men enlisted for 3 years who have extended their service to complete 9 years with the colours.
** Including two extended for 4 years.

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SERVICES AND AGES.

Home, in the Colonies, and in India, on the 1st October, 1905, showing the number serving who had extended their Service or re-engaged.

Under Extended Engagements.													Long Service, 1st Period (12 years with colours).				Re-engaged to complete 21 years.						
To complete 8 years with colours.†									To complete 12 years with colours.														
Under 1 year.	1 year to 2 years.	2 years to 3 years.	3 years to 4 years.	4 years to 5 years.	5 years to 6 years.	6 years to 7 years.	7 years to 8 years.	Over 8 years.	Under 10 years.	10 years to 11 years.	11 years to 12 years.	Over 12 years.	Under 10 years.	10 years to 11 years.	11 years to 12 years.	Over 12 years.	Under 19 years.	19 years to 20 years.	20 years to 21 years.	Over 21 years.	Re-enlisted.	Not included in foregoing.	Total.
116	67	4	4	4	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	720	32	25	—	249	18	25	7	—	—	1,272
1,603	83	268	828	913	796	406	221	—	488	135	106	—	544	26	23	—	774	70	43	42	28	38	9,291
42	192	1,041	1,467	1,006	947	391	221	1	741	202	162	—	1,164	37	25	—	1,706	111	88	104	154	—	17,224
38	173	462	284	248	305	233	248	2	746	223	173	1	806	35	20	—	1,683	105	105	181	65	—	10,191
47	—	208	306	372	359	371	221	85	446	96	58	—	637	25	12	—	1,253	132	130	—	32	—	6,401
124	308	353	360	313	225	124	72	—	352	45	27	—	465	15	7	—	425	30	24	33	22	—	7,730
146	1,328	1,612	1,371	1,031	1,188	1,090	1,271	26	2,651	747	631	13	4,173	248	172	1	5,784	378	353	327	242‡	66	61,319
8	117	292	322	317	260	151	72	—	299	44	40	—	622	14	6	—	671	62	48	9	32	7	5,369
16	39	229	263	81	159	96	51	—	194	40	27	—	89	3	1	—	407	63	54	36	30	—	2,860
1	6	38	90	97	54	29	12	—	93	16	3	—	304	11	4	—	235	14	18	5	17	—	1,312
—	—	3	22	29	27	12	3	—	186	7	8	—	43	3	1	—	191	24	10	42	2	—	644
—	1	10	21	17	19	4	1	2	10	1	3	—	1	—	—	—	9	1	2	—	—	—	102
2,141	2,311	1,520	5,338	4,428	4,339	2,907	2,394	116	6,206	1,561	1,238	14	9,568	419	296	1	13,387	1,008	900	786	624	111	123,715
18	1	78	401	480	447	183	32	—	247	20	24	5	132	2	2	1	260	22	12	7	3	9	2,586
3	10	118	299	432	424	220	29	1	138	7	6	1	122	5	5	—	134	8	6	3	2	53	2,398
7	31	272	636	776	750	735	227	—	475	107	72	7	292	33	12	2	628	44	56	41	25	49	7,831
6	34	326	585	546	399	107	35	—	166	17	24	29	177	20	6	2	454	44	50	—	15	—	3,113
43	585	1,750	2,542	2,972	2,543	1,920	1,382	41	1,286	389	251	51	1,613	81	54	6	1,689	65	49	22	1973‡	225	31,252
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,703	96	108	84	172	13	18	17	—	3,812	6,023§
—	6	37	70	173	124	39	8	—	142	21	6	1	57	1	3	—	141	4	4	—	3	—	870
3	12	117	274	198	86	24	9	—	63	4	3	—	8	1	1	—	147	10	5	2	9	—	1,090
1	1	8	84	139	43	3	—	—	44	6	—	—	126	—	—	—	118	6	7	—	5	—	636
—	—	—	3	3	7	10	4	—	40	—	1	—	4	—	1	—	89	3	—	2	—	—	170
—	—	2	4	4	7	2	1	—	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	—	—	1	—	45
81	680	2,708	4,898	5,723	4,830	3,243	1,727	42	2,618	571	387	94	4,234	239	192	95	3,838	220	198	94	2036	4,148	56,017
130	137	223	1,220	1,109	1,004	440	210	7	551	105	90	11	313	14	6	—	459	28	7	12	7	—	6,486
3	115	488	1,206	1,575	1,873	693	489	36	801	271	245	32	313	40	17	3	931	34	27	32	8	—	9,741
5	45	406	388	522	687	435	306	15	525	157	105	24	141	7	5	—	629	14	7	16	13	13	5,096
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	3
21	494	2,532	4,236	5,997	6,154	4,854	3,225	121	3,572	2,066	1,553	394	1,980	141	62	9	4,714	97	91	66	45	95	53,576
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	69	3	1	—	39	1	1	—	—	—	114
159	791	3,649	7,050	9,203	9,718	6,422	4,230	179	5,449	2,599	1,993	461	2,816	205	91	12	6,773	176	133	126	73	108	75,016
2,381	3,785	10877	17286	19353	18887	12572	8,351	337	14273	4,731	3,618	569	16618	893	579	108	23,998	1,404	1231	1006	2733‡	4,367	254,748

and Cavalry of the Line enlisted for eight years with the colours.

§ Exclusive of 5,287 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.

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TABLE 3.—TERMS of ENGAGEMENT, by ranks, of the Non-Commissioned on the 1st

	Under Original Engagement.													Under Extended				
	For 2 years with colours.	For 3 years with colours.				For 7 years with colours.*					For 9 years with colours.†			To complete 8 years with colours.‡				
	Privates.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.
AT HOME.																			
Household Cavalry ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	196	196
Cavalry of the Line ...	—	1	—	1	644	646	18	—	94	1,095	1,207	—	3	3	34	2	140	4,942	5,118
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	1	—	4	6,512	6,517	23	—	345	529	897	—	8	8	11	—	241	5,056	5,308
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	—	—	2,903	2,903	1	—	64	211	276	—	871	871	11	—	88	1,894	1,993
Royal Engineers ...	89	—	—	—	1,406	1,406	—	—	—	116	116	—	—	—	13	—	156	1,800	1,969
Foot Guards	—	—	—	2	3,470§	3,472§	31	1	188	714	934	—	—	—	11	3	129	1,736	1,879
Infantry of the Line ...	—	1	1	246	19,139	19,387	81	2	452	1,200	1,735	4	15,344	15,348	124	84	840	8,015	9,063
Army Service Corps	1,229	1	—	4	678	683	2	—	34	28	64	—	—	—	58	—	284	1,197	1,539
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	—	—	932	932	—	—	7	43	50	—	—	—	4	—	86	844	934
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	—	—	172	172	—	—	14	79	93	—	—	—	—	—	20	307	327
Army Pay Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	31	—	31	—	—	—	—	—	95	1	96
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	69	75
All Arms ...	1,318	4	1	257	35,856	36,118	156	3	1,229	4,015	5,403	4	16,226	16,230	266	89	2,085	26,057	28,497
IN THE COLONIES, EGYPT, AND CRETE.																			
Cavalry of the Line ...	—	—	—	—	91	91	4	—	10	95	109	—	—	—	31	—	60	1,549	1,640
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	—	—	290	290	—	—	16	66	82	—	—	—	3	—	70	1,463	1,536
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	—	48	2,149	2,197	3	—	42	252	297	—	63	63	17	—	180	3,237	3,434
Royal Engineers ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	71	71	—	—	—	—	—	81	1,957	2,038
Infantry of the Line ...	—	—	—	30	7,722	7,752	70	—	207	973	1,250	—	727	727	137	49	529	13,063	13,778
Colonial Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Army Service Corps ...	—	—	—	—	7	7	—	—	12	11	23	—	—	—	14	—	128	315	457
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	—	—	45	45	1	—	2	66	69	—	—	—	14	—	57	652	723
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	16	28	44	—	—	—	—	—	9	270	279
Army Pay Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	27	—	27
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	7	12	20
All Arms ...	—	—	—	78	10,305	10,383	79	—	307	1,562	1,918	—	790	790	217	49	1,148	22,518	23,932
IN INDIA.																			
Cavalry of the Line ...	—	—	—	—	62	62	18	—	63	260	341	—	—	—	21	2	90	4,367	4,480
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	—	—	61	61	4	—	127	317	448	—	—	—	9	1	151	6,317	6,478
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	—	—	520	520	—	—	26	79	105	—	6	6	5	—	108	2,696	2,809
Royal Engineers ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infantry of the Line ...	—	—	2	8	8,250	8,260	65	2	308	2,149	2,524	—	273	273	106	68	501	26,959	27,634
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms ...	—	—	2	8	8,893	8,903	87	2	524	2,805	3,418	—	279	279	141	71	850	40,339	41,401

* Including men enlisted for three years who have extended their service to complete seven years with the colours.
† Including men enlisted for 3 years who have extended their service to complete 9 years with the colours.
‡ Including Household Cavalry and certain men of the Cavalry of the Line on original engagement for 8 years.

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Officers and Men of the several arms, at Home, in the Colonies, and in India, October, 1905.

Engagement. To complete 12 years with colours.					Long Service—1st Period (12 years with colours).					Re-engaged to complete 21 years' service.					Re-enlisted.					Not included in foregoing.	Total.
Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.		
—	—	—	—	—	39	16	51	671	777	122	6	9	162	299	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,272
198	1	152	378	729	6	101	19	467	593	531	4	117	277	929	3	—	2	23	28	38	9,291
185	—	354	566	1,105	21	236	89	880	1,226	911	19	364	715	2,009	36	—	31	87	154	—	17,224
139	—	314	695	1,148	21	105	54	681	861	712	4	307	1,051	2,074	—	—	—	65	65	—	10,191
46	—	231	323	600	18	91	93	472	674	820	—	372	323	1,515	6	—	5	21	32	—	6,401
165	8	60	191	424	6	154	20	307	487	242	21	34	215	512	8	2	2	10	22	—	7,730
802	303	803	2,134	4,042	73	735	294	3,492	4,594	2,586	102	935	3,219	6,842	57	6	30	149	242‖	66	61,319
149	—	128	106	383	13	64	67	498	642	534	—	88	168	790	14	—	4	14	32	7	5,369
43	—	64	154	261	3	12	12	66	93	281	—	123	156	560	8	—	8	14	30	—	2,860
19	—	54	39	112	179	6	5	129	319	210	—	19	43	272	14	—	1	2	17	—	1,312
33	—	168	—	201	—	—	47	—	47	240	—	27	—	267	2	—	—	—	2	—	644
8	—	3	3	14	—	—	—	1	1	10	—	1	1	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	102
1,787	312	2,331	4,589	9,019	379	1,520	751	7,664	10,314	7,199	156	2,396	6,330	16,081	148	8	83	385	624	111	123,715
55	1	55	185	296	2	33	2	100	137	157	—	39	105	301	—	—	—	3	3	9	2,586
31	—	37	84	152	7	33	18	74	132	88	—	31	32	151	—	—	—	2	2	53	2,398
139	—	185	337	661	12	73	70	184	339	410	1	116	242	769	1	—	4	20	25	49	7,834
44	—	100	92	236	13	46	29	117	205	368	—	105	75	548	4	—	5	6	15	—	3,113
406	150	273	1,148	1,977	37	280	75	1,362	1,754	856	16	183	761	1,816	161	29	170	1613	1973§	225	31,252
—	—	—	—	—	28	37	85	1,841	1,991	98	5	19	98	220	—	—	—	—	—	3,812	6,023¶
69	—	60	41	170	6	8	21	26	61	121	—	17	11	149	—	—	1	2	3	—	870
27	—	10	33	70	1	—	—	9	10	110	—	35	19	164	—	—	4	5	9	—	1,090
12	—	25	13	50	110	2	1	13	126	113	—	7	11	131	2	—	1	2	5	—	636
25	—	16	—	41	—	—	5	—	5	89	—	5	—	94	—	—	—	—	—	—	170
8	—	5	4	17	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	1	—	7	—	—	—	1	1	—	45
816	151	766	1,937	3,670	216	512	306	3,726	4,760	2,416	22	558	1,354	4,350	168	29	185	1654	2036	4,148	56,017
170	2	132	453	757	17	75	22	219	333	321	9	65	111	506	1	—	—	6	7	—	6,486
133	—	288	928	1,349	15	102	72	184	373	402	16	175	431	1,024	—	—	1	7	8	—	9,741
47	—	168	596	811	5	62	13	73	153	240	4	118	304	666	2	—	—	11	13	13	5,096
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
668	322	666	5,929	7,585	33	355	98	1,706	2,192	1,636	47	504	2,781	4,968	13	—	3	29	45	95	53,576
—	—	—	—	—	71	—	—	2	73	41	—	—	—	41	—	—	—	—	—	—	114
1,018	324	1,254	7,906	10,502	141	594	205	2,184	3,124	2,643	76	862	3,627	7,208	16	—	4	53	73	108	75,016

§ Including two extended for 4 years.
‖ Including 1,946 of the Royal Garrison Regiment in the Colonies and 87 at Home.
¶ Exclusive of 5,287 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.

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TABLE 3—*continued.*—TERMS of ENGAGEMENT by ranks of the Non-Commissioned on the 1st October,

—	Short Service.																				
	Original Engagements.													Men who have extended their							
	For 2 years with colours.	For 3 years with colours.					For 7 years with colours.*					For 9 years¶ with colours.			For 8 years with colours.†					To complete 12 years.		
	Privates.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.
AT HOME AND ABROAD.																						
Household Cavalry	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	196	196	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line	—	1	—	1	797	799	40	—	167	1,450	1,657	—	3	3	86	4	290	10,858	1,238	423	4	339
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	1	—	4	6,863	6,868	27	—	488	912	1,427	—	8	8	23	1	462	12,836	13,322	349	—	679
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	—	48	5,572	5,620	4	—	132	542	678	—	940	940	33	—	376	7,827	8,236	325	—	667
Royal Engineers ...	89	—	—	—	1,406	1,406	—	—	—	187	187	—	—	—	13	—	237	3,757	4,007	90	—	331
Foot Guards ..	—	—	—	2	3,470‖	3,472‖	31	1	188	714	934	—	—	—	11	3	129	1,736	1,879	165	8	60
Infantry of the Line	—	1	3	284	35,111	35,399	216	4	967	4,322	5,509	4	16,344	16,348	367	201	1,870	48,037	50,475	1,876	775	1,742
Colonial Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Army Service Corps	1,229	1	—	4	685	690	2	—	46	39	87	—	—	—	72	—	412	1,512	1,996	218	—	188
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	—	—	977	977	1	—	9	109	119	—	—	—	18	—	143	1,496	1,657	70	—	74
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	—	—	173	173	—	—	30	107	137	—	—	—	—	—	29	577	606	31	—	79
Army Pay Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	33	—	34	—	—	—	—	—	122	1	123	58	—	184
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	13	81	95	16	—	8
All Arms ...	1,318	4	3	343	55,054	55,404	322	5	2,060	8,382	10,769	4	17,295	17,299	624	209	4,083	88,914	93,830	3,621	787	4,351

* Including men enlisted for three years who have extended to complete seven years with the colours.
† Including Household Cavalry and certain men of the Cavalry of the Line on original engagement for eight.
‖ Including two extended to 4 years.
¶ Including men enlisted for three years who have extended their service to complete nine years with the

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Officers and Men of different arms, at Home, in the Colonies, and in India, 1905.

Service. To complete 12 years.		Long Service. 1st Period (12 years with the colours).					Re-engaged to complete 21 years.					Re-enlisted.					Not included in foregoing.	Total.
Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates	Total.		
—	—	39	16	51	671	777	122	6	9	162	299	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,272
1,016	1,782	25	209	43	786	1,063	1,009	13	221	493	1,736	4	—	2	32	38	43	18,363
1,578	2,606	43	371	179	1,138	1,731	1,401	35	570	1,178	3,184	36	—	32	96	164	57	29,363
1,628	2,620	38	240	137	938	1,353	1,362	9	541	1,597	3,509	3	—	4	96	103	62	23,121
415	836	31	137	122	589	879	1,191	—	477	398	2,066	10	—	10	27	47	—	9,517
191	424	6	154	20	307	487	242	21	34	215	512	8	2	2	10	22	—	7,730
9,211	13,604	143	1,370	467	6,560	8,540	5,078	165	1,622	6,761	13,626	231	35	203	1,791	2,260§	386	146,147
—	—	28	37	85	1,841	1,991	98	5	19	98	220	—	—	—	—	—	3,812	6,023‡
147	553	19	72	88	524	703	655	—	105	179	939	14	—	5	16	35	7	6,239
187	331	4	12	12	75	103	391		158	175	724	8	—	12	19	39	—	3,950
52	162	360	8	6	144	518	364		26	54	444	16	—	2	4	22	—	2,062
—	242	—	—	52	—	52	329	—	32	—	361	2	—	—	—	2	—	814
7	31	—	—	—	1	1	16	—	2	1	19	—	—	—	1	1	—	147
14,432	23,191	736	2,626	1,262	13,574	18,198	12,258	254	3,816	11,311	27,639	332	37	272	2,092	2,733§	4,367	254,748‡

years with the colours.

colours.

‡ Exclusive of 5,287 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.
§ Including 2,033 of the Royal Garrison Regiment.

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TABLE 4.—AGES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the Colonies, and in India on

—	Under 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	21 to 22 years.	22 to 23 years.	23 to 24 years.	24 to 25 years.	25 to 26 years.	26 to 27 years.	27 to 28 years.	28 to 29 years.
AT HOME.												
Household Cavalry ...	12	32	63	60	81	70	101	112	92	84	81	49
Cavalry of the Line ...	218	351	1,002	722	761	954	1,107	1,153	715	449	321	214
Roy. Horse & Field Art.	498	1,246	1,618	1,915	2,161	1,773	1,448	1,276	1,002	684	540	428
Royal Garrison Artillery	481	363	862	976	902	702	650	582	547	459	381	334
Royal Engineers	225	166	334	467	497	461	520	497	453	364	314	248
Foot Guards	188	374	912	998	876	772	743	713	549	378	276	192
Infantry of the Line ...	1,812	7,001	12,483	10,536	4,884	3,291	2,863	2,839	2,550	1,975	1,360	1,202
Army Service Corps ...	281	340	563	608	629	423	453	369	246	195	180	114
Royal Army Med. Corps	34	124	267	271	278	221	187	223	166	140	102	96
Army Ordnance Corps ...	73	44	56	65	88	90	80	123	100	109	54	39
Army Pay Corps	—	—	—	1	18	31	63	56	51	51	52	35
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	1	4	12	13	16	16	8	7	4	4
All Arms	3,822	10,044	18,161	16,623	11,190	8,804	8,231	7,959	6,479	4,895	3,665	2,955
IN THE COLONIES, EGYPT, AND CRETE.												
Cavalry of the Line ...	19	17	30	46	189	380	456	345	285	131	124	88
Roy. Horse & Field Art.	19	26	86	126	229	279	482	259	253	178	84	82
Royal Garrison Artillery	75	75	411	641	710	831	902	835	772	547	442	283
Royal Engineers	36	4	11	43	170	300	366	355	307	226	221	175
Infantry of the Line ...	437	461	2,237	3,606	3,647	3,197	3,397	3,013	2,622	1,684	968	666
Colonial Corps	63	62	118	149	231	294	465	541	565	530	507	420
Army Service Corps ...	9	—	2	17	66	95	151	86	73	58	49	49
Royal Army Med. Corps	—	—	8	36	124	170	174	104	86	65	61	40
Army Ordnance Corps ...	1	2	4	7	50	79	69	63	48	30	44	32
Army Pay Corps	—	—	—	—	1	—	7	14	18	17	11	16
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	—	1	7	6	6	10	2	1	2
All Arms	659	647	2,907	4,671	5,418	5,932	6,475	5,651	5,039	3,468	2,512	1,853
IN INDIA.												
Cavalry of the Line ...	87	41	35	168	430	754	1,099	1,013	840	545	374	246
Roy. Horse & Field Art.	28	33	51	214	542	925	1,394	1,341	1,158	938	751	559
Royal Garrison Artillery	16	27	21	146	309	371	464	635	566	447	395	343
Royal Engineers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infantry of the Line ...	465	290	365	2,761	5,364	6,157	6,859	6,840	5,668	4,203	2,842	2,376
Army Ordnance Corps ...	—	--	—	—	—	1	4	6	9	9	8	9
All Arms	596	391	478	3,289	6,645	8,208	9,820	9,835	8,241	6,142	4,370	3,533
Total at Home and Abroad ...	5,077	11,085	21,546	24,583	23,253	22,944	24,526	23,445	19,759	14,505	10,517	8,341

* Exclusive of 5,287 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.

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regimental strength of the several arms of the service at Home, in the the 1st October, 1905.

29 to 30 years.	30 to 31 years.	31 to 32 years.	32 to 33 years.	33 to 34 years.	34 to 35 years.	35 to 36 years.	36 to 37 years.	37 to 38 years.	38 to 39 years.	39 to 40 years.	40 to 50 years.	Upwards of 50 years.	Not included in foregoing.	Total.
48	52	47	55	37	37	23	31	32	25	14	33	1	—	1,272
180	178	140	128	120	122	77	82	65	66	48	88	5	22	9,291
358	321	319	304	252	221	193	169	125	90	92	182	9	—	17,224
319	321	314	271	230	205	194	171	155	106	101	259	26	280	10,191
217	201	161	156	172	162	145	134	133	99	82	189	4	—	6,401
143	99	87	76	76	67	40	30	27	35	29	49	1	—	7,730
1,069	1,104	1,146	968	776	678	570	511	425	398	293	481	20	81	61,319
114	90	124	102	94	65	70	81	50	62	38	70	1	7	5,369
69	79	77	49	70	63	41	47	46	48	46	110	3	—	2,860
39	30	51	30	30	32	26	34	17	21	24	52	5	—	1,312
27	28	28	24	24	21	16	12	22	15	15	53	1	—	644
2	2	4	4	—	—	1	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	102
2,585	2,505	2,498	2,167	1,881	1,673	1,396	1,304	1,097	965	783	1,567	76	390	123,715
51	46	68	66	42	36	23	16	23	18	10	16	—	61	2,586
36	41	28	20	31	15	20	8	8	11	4	7	—	66	2,398
226	179	123	102	93	107	70	47	58	43	44	78	1	139	7,834
123	104	77	86	91	80	66	73	68	40	46	43	2	—	3,113
620	469	474	326	342	279	278	258	267	242	206	273	1	952†	31,252
336	263	189	124	101	79	79	51	42	39	23	71	3	678	6,023*
45	32	28	19	22	24	16	9	9	7	1	3	—	—	870
26	29	38	25	18	10	14	17	13	7	11	14	—	—	1,090
22	23	26	23	21	20	20	11	6	8	13	14	—	—	636
8	7	8	6	15	8	5	11	7	3	1	6	1	—	170
1	—	—	1	—	1	1	4	—	1	—	—	—	1	45
1,494	1,193	1,059	798	776	659	592	505	501	419	359	525	8	1,897	56,017
217	133	111	108	72	54	36	27	21	23	19	23	—	7	6,486
426	395	231	194	153	110	83	58	37	38	20	48	3	8	9,741
276	247	191	133	118	82	57	56	33	31	21	29	—	79	5,096
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3
2,497	2,145	1,421	954	669	515	378	256	159	128	73	119	3	66	53,576
7	5	7	5	6	2	12	5	8	3	5	3	—	—	114
3,423	2,925	1,964	1,394	1,018	763	566	402	258	223	138	225	6	160	75,016
7,502	6,623	5,521	4,359	3,675	3,095	2,554	2,211	1,856	1,607	1,280	2,317	90	2,447	254,748*

† Includes 739 men of the Royal Garrison Regiment.

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SERVICES AND AGES.

TABLE 5.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the AGES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the Army in each year from 1897.

Years.	Proportion per 1,000 men.							
	Under 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 25 years.	25 to 30 years.	30 to 35 years.	35 to 40 years.	Over 40 years.
1897, 1st January ..	17	44	77	530	236	63	26	7
1898 ,, ..	18	56	79	513	240	63	24	7
1899 ,, ..	18	58	91	481	257	65	24	6
1900 ,, * ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901 ,, * ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902 ,, * ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1903 ,, ..	23	61	82	438	249	100	39	8
1903, 1st October ..	21	50	93	474	224	89	40	9
1904 ,, ..	20	50	84	484	223	89	40	10
1905 ,, ..	20	44	85	471	240	92	38	10

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

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PART VIII.—NATIONALITIES, RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS, AND EDUCATIONAL ACQUIREMENTS.

TABLE 1.—NATIONALITIES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the several arms of the Service on the 1st October, 1905.

—	Born in England.	Born in Wales.	Born in Scotland.	Born in Ireland.	Born in India or the Colonies.	British Subjects born abroad.	Foreigners.	Not reported.	Total.
Household Cavalry	1,086	28	71	59	23	3	2	—	1,272
Cavalry of the Line	14,902	323	1,464	1,349	254	24	—	47	18,363
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	23,489	588	1,906	2,452	819	49	2	58	29,363
Royal Garrison Artillery	16,634	449	1,081	3,867	535	51	7	497	23,121
Royal Engineers	7,564	176	571	967	217	22	—	—	9,517
Foot Guards	5,443	190	788	1,223	63	14	4	—	7,730
Infantry of the Line	109,919	2,732	13,909	16,761	1,601	86	29	1,110†	146,147
Colonial Corps	49	1	8	5	5,448	—	512	—	6,023*
Army Service Corps	5,318	—	220	552	120	22	—	7	6,239
Royal Army Medical Corps	3,339	5	215	345	41	4	1	—	3,950
Army Ordnance Corps	1,675	45	111	122	103	6	—	—	2,062
Army Pay Corps	641	15	42	75	40	1	—	—	814
Army Veterinary Corps	133	1	2	8	2	—	—	1	147
All Arms	190,192	4,553	20,388	27,785	9,271	282	557	1,720	254,748*

* Exclusive of 5,287 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government. † This includes 739 men of the Royal Garrison Regiment.

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TABLE 2.—NATIONALITIES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the Army in each year from 1897.

Year.	English and Welsh.		Scottish.	Irish.	Born in India or the Colonies.		Foreigners.	Not reported.	Total.
1897, 1st January ..	159,475		16,203	25,664	2,923		150	2,644	207,059
1898, " ..	158,648		16,479	26,376	3,027		141	2,236	206,907
1899, " ..	164,997		17,280	28,352	3,022		96	1,580	215,327
1900, " * ..	—		—	—	—		—	—	—
1901, " * ..	—		—	—	—		—	—	—
1902, " * ..	—		—	—	—		—	—	—
1903, " ..	213,873		26,303	35,717	8,190		636	18,881	303,600
1903, 1st October ..	202,562		22,442	31,467	10,461		155	266	267,353
1904, " ..	203,832		21,852	30,654	10,143		145	975	267,601
	Born in England.	Born in Wales.	Born in Scotland.	Born in Ireland.	Born in India or the Colonies.	British Subjects born abroad.			
1905, " ..	190,192	4,553	20,388	27,785	9,271	282	557†	1,720	254,748

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

† 512 of these were in the Chinese Regiment

N.B.—Indian or African Native Troops borrowed from India, &c., are excluded throughout this table. Up to 1899 the Colonial Corps are also excluded, but from 1903 onwards they are included.

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TABLE 3.—RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the several arms of the Service on the 1st October, 1905.

—	Church of England.	Presbyterians.	Wesleyans.	Baptists or Congregationalists.	Other Protestants.	Roman Catholics.	Jews.	Mahometans, Hindoos, &c.	Not reported.	Total.
Household Cavalry	1,081	89	40	9	2	50	1	—	—	1,272
Cavalry of the Line	13,932	1,369	919	159	60	1,806	14	—	44	18,363
Royal Horse and Field Artillery ..	21,759	1,679	1,721	392	122	3,609	26	—	55	29,363
Royal Garrison Artillery	15,524	1,081	1,248	261	131	4,362	17	—	497	23,121
Royal Engineers	6,606	638	838	229	49	1,153	4	—	—	9,517
Foot Guards	5,054	810	383	101	31	1,344	7	—	—	7,730
Infantry of the Line	98,847	12,389	6,500	847	271	26,095	100	—	1,098†	146,147
Colonial Corps	1,722	77	418	160	230	578	—	2,838	—	6,023*
Army Service Corps	4,507	258	375	184	70	835	3	—	7	6,239
Royal Army Medical Corps.. ..	2,842	258	229	65	53	497	6	—	—	3,950
Army Ordnance Corps	1,462	141	164	97	11	187	—	—	—	2,062
Army Pay Corps	552	62	65	24	11	100	—	—	—	814
Army Veterinary Corps	112	2	12	3	1	16	—	—	1	147
All Arms	174,060	18,853	12,912	2,531	1,042	40,632	178	2,838	1,702	254,748*

* Exclusive of 5,287 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government. † Includes 739 men of the Royal Garrison Regiment.

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TABLE 4.—RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the Army in each year from 1897.

Year.	Church of England.	Presbyterians.	Wesleyans.	Baptists and Congregationalists.	Other Protestants.	Roman Catholics.	Jews.	Mahometans, Hindoos, &c.	Not Reported.	Total.	Year.
1897, 1st January ..	140,921	14,650	10,950	2,353		35,492	†	—	2,693	207,059	1897
1898, „	140,721	14,984	10,835	1,888		36,183	†	—	2,296	206,907	1898
1899, „	145,842	15,622	11,170	1,958		39,073	†	—	1,662	215,327	1899
1900, „ *	—	—	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	1900*
1901, „ *	—	—	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	1901*
1902, „ *	—	—	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	1902*
1903, „	195,080	22,900	14,284	2,953		46,883	159	2,459	18,882	303,600	1903
1903, 1st October ..	182,963	20,139	13,450	3,232		44,119	185	2,999	266	267,353	1903
1904, „	182,243	20,099	13,200	2,541	878	44,195	181	3,296	968	267,601	1904
1905, „	174,060	18,853	12,912	2,531	1,042	40,632	178	2,838	1,702	254,748	1905

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War. † Included in the numbers "not reported."

N.B.—Indian or African Native Troops borrowed from India, &c., are excluded throughout this table. Up to 1899 Colonial Corps are also excluded, but from 1903 onwards they are included.

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TABLE 5.—EDUCATIONAL ACQUIREMENTS of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the several arms of the Service on the 1st October, 1905.

—	Strength on the 1st October, 1905.	Men in possession of Certificates on the 1st October, 1905.				Percentage of Certificated to Strength.	Certificates gained during 12 months ending 30th September, 1905.			
		1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.		1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.
Household Cavalry	1,272	45	451	383	879	69·1	6	36	79	121
Cavalry of the Line	18,363	471	4,529	4,032	9,032	49·2	116	873	1,842	2,831
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	29,363	850	7,127	6,559	14,536	49·5	168	1,169	2,031	3,368
Royal Garrison Artillery	23,121	1,116	6,233	4,712	12,061	52·2	130	1,002	1,703	2,835
Royal Engineers	9,517	983	3,668	1,992	6,643	69·8	93	521	625	1,239
Foot Guards	7,730	175	1,654	2,337	4,166	53·9	37	350	1,021	1,408
Infantry of the Line	146,147	2,893	28,712	32,525	64,130	43·9	594	5,765	13,454	19,813
Colonial Corps	6,023*	35	487	297	819	13·6	41	47	79	167
Army Service Corps	6,239	602	2,112	1,145	3,859	61·9	120	374	554	1,048
Royal Army Medical Corps	3,950	200	1,383	579	2,162	54·7	32	282	293	607
Army Ordnance Corps	2,062	299	951	306	1,556	75·5	43	130	83	256
Army Pay Corps	814	517	297	—	814	100·0	60	—	—	60
Army Veterinary Corps	147	5	54	38	97	66·0	—	9	8	17
Total	254,748*	8,191	57,658	54,905	120,754	47·40	1,440	10,558	21,772	33,770
Percentage of certificated to strength	—	3·22	22·63	21·55	47·40	—	—	—	—	—

* Exclusive of 5,287 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.

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TABLE 6.—EDUCATIONAL ACQUIREMENTS of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the Army in each year from 1897.

Date.	Strength.	Men in Possession of Certificates.				Per-centage of Certificated to Strength.	Certificates gained during preceding 12 months.			
		1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.		1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.
1897, 1st January	213,148	4,856	48,359	29,899	83,114	38·99	985	7,812	8,983	17,780
1898, "	213,314	5,766	46,880	27,938	80,584	37·78	1,064	7,075	8,686	16,825
1899, "	222,373	5,631	48,422	31,289	85,342	38·38	924	7,525	9,969	18,418
1900, " .. .. *	—	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	*
1901, " .. .. *	—	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	*
1902, " .. .. *	—	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	*
1903, "	303,600	5,618	43,257	30,985	79,860	26·30	779	5,531	6,948	13,258
1903, 1st October	267,353	6,368	48,705	36,763	91,836	34·35	668§	6,388§	9,650§	16,706§
1904, "	267,601	7,429	54,419	50,080	111,928	41·83	1,393	11,651	27,513	40,557
1905, "	254,748	8,191	57,658	54,905	120,754	47·40	1,440	10,558	21,772	33,770

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War. § Figures for nine months only.

N.B.—Indian or African Native Troops borrowed from India, &c., are excluded throughout this table. The figures for 1897–98 include warrant officers and certain men not on the regimental strength.

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PART IX.—HORSES AND MULES.

TABLE 1.—STRENGTH and DISTRIBUTION of the PUBLIC HORSES and MULES (Regimental) on the 1st October, 1905, specifying those on the British and Indian Establishments, and the number required to complete each arm of the service.

	Strength on British Establishment.										Strength on Indian Establishment.					General Total.
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards and Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	Colonial Corps, &c., and China Force.	Unposted Remounts.	All Arms.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Infantry of the Line.	All Arms.	
At Home.																
England	803	4,796	6,428	145	660	1,832	1,483	—	910	17,057	—	—	—	—	—	17,057
Scotland	—	307	39	—	1	25	41	—	—	413	—	—	—	—	—	413
Ireland	—	1,956	1,985	1	52	431	428	—	119	4,972	—	—	—	—	—	4,972
Channel Islands	—	—	—	3	—	4	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	7
	803	7,059	8,452	149	713	2,292	1,952	—	1,029	22,449	—	—	—	—	—	22,449
In the Colonies, &c.																
Egypt	—	116	—	3	2	142	—	—	—	263	—	—	—	—	—	263
South Africa	—	2,005	1,764	3	275	2,043	2,706	—	1,218	10,014	—	—	—	—	—	10,014
Gibraltar, Malta and Crete	—	—	—	—	—	143	—	—	—	143	—	—	—	—	—	143
Ceylon, Singapore, China and Mauritius	—	—	—	2	—	5	—	19	—	26	—	—	—	—	—	26
Canada and Bermuda ..	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	8
China Force	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	695	—	695	—	—	—	—	—	695
	—	2,121	1,764	8	277	2,341	2,706	714	1,218	11,149	—	—	—	—	—	11,149
In the East Indies.																
Northern Command ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,722	2,000	934	—	4,656	4,656
Western " ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	561	2,973	646	—	4,180	4,180
Eastern " ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,731	2,096	5	—	3,832	3,832
Secunderabad Division ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,041	1,502	—	—	2,543	2,543
Burmah Division	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Artillery Staff, &c..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	734	—	—	73	734
General Total	803	9,180	10,216	157	990	4,633	4,658	714	2,247	33,598	5,055	9,305	1,585	—	15,945	49,543
* ESTABLISHMENT ..	828	9,871	10,476	311	1,201	4,974	4,788	564	—	33,013†	5,050	8,633	1,603	—	15,286	48,299
Wanting to complete ..	25	691	260	154	211	341	130	—	—	—	—	—	18	—	—	—
Supernumerary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	150	2,247	585	5	672	—	—	659	1,244

* As provided in Army Estimates 1905–1906.

† These figures do not include 913 horses taken in the Estimates for Militia, &c.

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TABLE 2.—STRENGTH of the PUBLIC HORSES and MULES in each arm of the Service, in each year from 1897, specifying those on the British and Indian Establishments.

Date.	Strength on British Establishment.										Strength on Indian Establishment.					Total.	Date.
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards and Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	China and Somaliland, &c.	Unposted Remounts.	All Arms.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Infantry of the Line.	All Arms.		
1 Jan. 1897	822	6,993	4,266		394	718	1,272	—	138	14,603	4,596	7,705		—	12,301	26,904	1 Jan. 1897
1898	824	7,536	4,589		419	1,459	1,307	—	154	16,288	4,522	7,778		—	12,300	28,588	1898
1899	820	7,654	5,083		408	1,486	1,283	—	244	16,978	4,539	7,764		—	12,303	29,281	1899
1900	862	12,349	10,280	498	607	5,102	1,981	—	22,984	54,663	3,155	6,161	1,145	—	10,461	65,124	1900
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*	2,604	5,821	1,137	—	9,562	*	1901*
1902*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*	1,473	6,246	1,247	—	8,966	*	1902*
1903	833	22,784	10,062	356	689	9,051	1,116	—	1,313	46,204	4,069	6,608	1,149	—	11,826	58,030	1903
1 Oct. 1903	783	11,407	10,331	211	879	5,687	1,687	10,586	3,690	45,261	4,736	7,566	1,354	—	13,656	58,917	1 Oct. 1903
1904	784	9,402	10,301	211	894	4,181	1,970	4,144	3,369	35,256	5,141	8,732	2,103	307	16,283	51,539	1904
1905	803	9,180	10,216	157	990	4,633	4,658	714	2,247	33,598	5,055	9,305	1,535	—	15,945	49,543	1905

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

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TABLE 3.—AGES of the PUBLIC HORSES and MULES in each arm of the Service on the 1st October, 1905, specifying those on the British and Indian Establishments.

—	British Establishment.						Indian Establishment.					
	Under 5 years.	5 and under 9 years.	9 and under 13 years.	13 years and over.	Not reported.	Total.	Under 5 years.	5 and under 9 years.	9 and under 13 years.	13 years and over.	Not reported.	Total.
Household Cavalry	45	245	489	23	1	803	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line	318	4,889	3,449	228	296	9,180	103	1,622	2,349	313	668	5,055
Royal Horse and Field Artillery ..	234	3,435	5,728	440	379	10 216	41	3,064	4,080	1,475	645	9,305
Royal Garrison Artillery	9	70	62	5	11	157	16	492	777	300	—	1,585
Royal Engineers	22	517	381	70	—	990	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infantry of the Line and Foot Guards	19	584	496	164	3,370*	4,633	—	—	—	—	—	—
Army Service Corps	21	729	1,071	131	2,706	4,658	—	—	—	—	—	—
Colonial Corps	—	2	3	14	—	19	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unposted Remounts	—	—	—	—	2,247	2,247	—	—	—	—	—	—
China Force	—	—	—	—	695	695	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms	668	10,471	11,679	1,075	9,705	33,598	160	5,178	7,206	2,088	1,313	15,945

* 3,185 of these were Mounted Infantry horses.

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TABLE 4.—AGES of the PUBLIC HORSES and MULES on the British and Indian Establishments in each year from 1897.

Year.	British Establishment.						Indian Establishment.					
	Under 5 years.	5 and under 9 years.	9 and under 13 years.	13 years and over.	Not reported.	Total.	Under 5 years.	5 and under 9 years.	9 and under 13 years.	13 years and over.	Not reported.	Total.
1897 1st January	1,107	5,675	4,415	2,994	412	14,603	91	4,092	5,221	2,851	46	12,301
1898 „	1,586	6,968	4,420	2,709	605	16,288	166	4,176	5,144	2,691	123	12,300
1899 „	1,402	8,128	4,321	2,517	610	16,978	158	4,136	5,090	2,823	96	12,303
1900 „ *..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901 „ *..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902 „ *..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1903 „	984	18,709	5,156	1,843	19,512†	46,204	282	5,645	4,048	1,710	141	11,826
1903, 1st October	1,448	17,254	6,697	839	19,023†	45,261	186	5,818	5,593	2,010	49	13,656
1904 „	1,275	12,423	9,384	990	11,184†	35,256	390	5,561	7,234	2,168	930	16,283
1905 „	668	10,471	11,679	1,075	9,705	33,598	160	5,178	7,206	2,088	1,313	15,945

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.
† Principally unposted remounts, animals in China and Somaliland, and Mounted Infantry horses.

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PART X.—ARMY RESERVE.

N.B.—As regards the conditions of service in the various sections of the Reserve, see note on p. 112.

TABLE 1.—INCREASE AND DECREASE of the ARMY RESERVE by ARMS, during the TWELVE MONTHS ending 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1905.

	Sections A and B.														Section D.										
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	R.H.A. and R.F.A.	R.G.A.	R.E.	Foot Guards.	Infantry.	A.S.C.	R. Malta A.	A.O.C.	R.A.M.C.	A. Pay C.	A. Post Off. C.	Total.	Cavalry of the Line.	R.H.A. and R.F.A.	R.G.A.	R.E.	Foot Guards.	Infantry.	A.S.C.	A.O.C.	R.A.M.C.	Total.	Total (A, B, and D).
Effectives on 1st October, 1904	17	5,156	4,060	3,391	2,726	5,829	38,995	2,709	339	98	1,180	17	237	64,754	617	754	590	270	152	6,890	384	29	100	10,186	74,940
INCREASE.																									
From the Colours...	26	2,156	2,647	1,260	869	1,101	17,431	542	128	90	242	4	14	26,510	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26,510
Enlisted in Section "D"	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	202	173	217	11	115	2,543	44	2	22	3,329	3,329
Re-engaged for Section "D"	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	143	181	173	97	51	1,389	59	3	29	2,125	2,125
Re-joined from absence	—	2	8	10	2	9	68	16	—	—	4	—	—	119	—	1	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	4	123
Other causes (net)	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	3	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	7	—
Total Increase	26	2,158	2,669	1,270	871	1,110	17,499	558	128	90	246	4	14	26,643	345	358	390	108	168	3,937	103	5	51	5,465	32,087
DECREASE.																									
Died	—	16	23	15	11	24	177	9	5	—	3	—	—	283	1	9	6	2	5	66	2	—	1	90	373
Discharged :—																									
On completion of engagement	—	740	426	655	214	141	5,522	143	27	4	78	1	3	8,254	8	9	28	7	2	36	5	—	—	95	8,349
As invalids	2	7	2	6	2	11	52	2	2	—	1	—	—	87	1	—	—	—	—	11	1	—	—	13	100
By purchase	—	4	3	—	4	8	12	1	—	—	—	—	—	32	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	34
Free by indulgence	—	3	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	3	10
For misconduct	—	1	9	6	2	15	98	9	2	—	4	—	1	147	—	3	1	—	2	12	—	—	—	18	165
Miscellaneous	1	—	4	1	19	2	7	1	—	—	1	—	5	41	—	1	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	6	47
Total discharged	3	755	444	668	243	477	5,693	156	31	4	84	1	9	8,568	9	14	29	9	4	66	6	—	—	137	8,705
Retransferred to the Colours	—	10	18	16	3	55	197	1	2	—	3	—	—	305	2	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3	308
Struck off for absence	—	37	42	44	18	68	411	47	1	—	15	—	—	683	—	1	1	—	3	27	2	—	—	36	719
Re-engaged for Section "D"	—	143	181	173	97	49	1,332	59	—	3	29	—	—	2,066	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,066
Other causes (net)	—	5	12	—	1	2	80	1	—	—	1	—	—	102	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	86
Total Decrease	3	966	720	916	373	675	7,890	273	39	7	135	1	9	12,007	12	25	40	11	10	162	10	—	1	271	12,257
Net Increase	23	1,192	1,949	354	498	435	9,609	285	89	83	111	3	5	14,636	333	333	350	97	158	3,775	93	5	50	5,194	19,830
Net Decrease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Effectives on 1st October, 1905	40	6,348	6,009	3,745	3,224	6,264	48,604	2,994	428	181	1,291	20	242	79,390	950	1,277	850	367	310	10,665	477	34	150	15,380	94,770

The figures in this table represent the increase and decrease of the Army Reserve as reported by officers in charge of Reservists' documents; the numbers "from the Colours" do not quite agree with those returned as passed to the Reserve by units, &c., see p. 110

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TABLE 2.—Increase and Decrease of the Army Reserve in each year from 1896.

—	1896.		1897.		1898.		1899.		1900.		1901.		1902.		1st Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903.		1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.		1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905.	
	Secs. A, B, C.	Sec. D.	Secs. A, B, C.	Sec. D.	Secs. A, B, C.	Sec. D.	Secs. A, B, C.	Sec. D.	Secs. A, B, C.	Sec. D.	Secs. A, B, C.	Sec. D.	Secs. A, B, C.	Sec. D.	Secs. A, B, C.	Sec. D.	Secs. A, B, C.	Sec. D.	Secs. A and B	Sec. D.
Effectives on first day of each period	74,259	3,798	70,927	7,173	68,651	13,354	62,034	16,764	10,274	13,856	3,268	1,983	1,167	1,231	29,784	3,081	59,827	6,644	64,754	10,186
INCREASE.																				
From the Colours	13,816	—	16,646	—	16,189	—	12,902	—	3,209	—	487	83	31,805†	1,070†	37,267*†	961*†	17,117	—	26,510	—
Enlisted in Section D ...	—	4,043	—	2,802	—	1,596	—	1,437	—	563	—	23	—	1,679	—	3,515*	—	3,219	—	3,329
Re-engaged for Section D ...	—	2,376	—	4,250	—	2,000	—	1,214	—	47	—	—	—	105	—	469*	—	1,287	—	2,125
Rejoined from absence ...	165	4	157	3	119	12	216	26	188	59	11	9	9	8	82*	4*	119	3	119	4
Other causes (net)	7	40	8	—	—	—	8	1	79	26	—	—	—	—	42*	—	91	—	—	2
Total increase	13,988	6,463	16,811	7,055	16,308	3,608	13,126	2,678	3,476	695	498	120	31,814	2,862	37,391*	4,949*	17,327	4,509	26,629	5,460
DECREASE.																				
Died	523	32	532	61	434	100	425	143	60	80	15	21	54	22	187*	19*	282	48	283	90
Discharged :—																				
On completion of engagement	13,341	3,030	13,362	762	15,170	1	11,113	6	356	754	225	517	2,027	955	5,968*	1,344*	9,301	856	8,254	95
As invalids	68	3	64	7	93	13	402	23	1,826	838	219	21	5	4	20*	2*	109	10	87	13
By purchase	26	—	19	—	14	—	17	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	11*	—	75	—	32	2
Free by indulgence ...	4	1	6	1	1	3	4	2	4	2	15	4	1	3	—	—	3	2	7	3
For misconduct	137	2	120	10	97	18	113	24	12	5	—	—	—	—	8*	—	86	8	147	18
Miscellaneous	7	—	13	1	3	3	8	3	22	13	124	45	7	1	28*	1*	155	11	41	6
Total discharged ...	13,583	3,036	13,584	781	15,378	38	11,657	58	2,220	1,612	584	587	2,040	963	6,035*	1,347*	9,729	887	8,568	137
Rejoined Colours	56	—	68	—	4,543	1	50,721‡	5,290‡	7,853‡	10663‡	1,873‡	241‡	855	12	369*	2*	409	1	305	3
Re-engaged for Section D ...	2,376	—	4,250	—	2,000	—	1,214	—	47	—	—	—	105	—	469*	—	1,287	—	2,071	—
Struck off for absence ...	775	20	646	29	565	59	867	87	259	182	103	19	31	7	288*	6*	693	23	683	36
Other causes (net)	7	—	7	3	5	—	2	8	43	31	24	4	112	8	—	12*	—	8	83	—
Total decrease	17,320	3,088	19,087	874	22,925	198	64,886	5,586	10,482	12,568	2,599	872	3,197	1,012	7,348*	1,386*	12,400	967	11,993	266
Net increase	—	3,375	—	6,181	—	3 410	—	—	—	—	—	—	28,617	1,850	30,043*	3,563*	4,927	3,542	14,636	5,194
Net decrease	3,332	—	2,276	—	6,617	—	51,760	2,908	7,006	11,873	2,101	752	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Effectives on the first day of each period following ...	70,927	7,173	68,651	13,354	62,034	16,764	10,274	13,856	3,268	1,983	1,167	1,231	29,784	3,081	59,827	6,644	64,754	10,186	79,390	15,380

* Figures during nine months only.
† These figures include men retransferred to the Reserve on demobilization.
‡ These figures include men transferred to the Colours on mobilization.
N.B.—The figures in this table represent the increase and decrease of the Army Reserve as reported in returns received from officers in charge of the Reservists' documents, and do not, as regards the numbers "from the Colours" during the above period quite agree with the numbers passed to the Reserve from units, &c., as shown on page 111.

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TABLE 3.—STRENGTH of the ARMY RESERVE, showing the composition of the force, on the first day of each quarter from 1st October, 1904, to 1st October, 1905.

—	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse Artillery.	Royal Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Malta Artillery.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	Total.
1st October, 1904—															
Section A	17	—	—	421	—	—	146	1,790	130	—	—	60	—	—	2,564
,, B	—	5,156	736	2,903	3,391	2,726	5,683	37,205	2,579	339	98	1,120	17	237	62,190
,, D	—	617	190	754	500	270	452	6,890	384	—	29	100	—	—	10,186
Total	17	5,773	926	4,078	3,891	2,996	6,281	45,885	3,093	339	127	1,280	17	237	74,940
1st January, 1905—															
Section A	—	—	2	416	—	—	138	1,963	105	—	—	56	—	—	2,680
,, B	27	5,351	771	3,125	3,354	2,721	5,785	37,813	2,649	338	105	1,142	19	241	63,441
,, D	—	732	204	849	596	316	496	7,817	405	—	29	108	—	—	11,552
Total	27	6,083	977	4,390	3,950	3,037	6,419	47,593	3,159	338	134	1,306	19	241	77,673
1st April, 1905—															
Section A	—	—	—	454	—	—	141	2,909	194	—	—	66	—	—	3,764
,, B	32	5,419	835	3,440	3,334	2,992	5,873	43,065	2,739	342	126	1,165	19	244	69,625
,, D	—	831	220	926	714	336	537	8,939	421	—	30	122	—	—	13,076
Total	32	6,250	1,055	4,820	4,048	3,328	6,551	54,913	3,354	342	156	1,353	19	244	86,465
1st July, 1905—															
Section A	—	—	1	495	—	—	164	3,261	188	—	—	73	—	—	4,182
,, B	35	5,848	923	3,909	3,510	3,205	5,964	45,817	2,763	404	144	1,194	20	245	73,981
,, D	—	887	237	972	772	349	566	9,703	444	—	32	132	—	—	14,094
Total	35	6,735	1,161	5,376	4,282	3,554	6,694	58,781	3,395	404	176	1,399	20	245	92,257
1st October, 1905—															
Section A	—	—	1	531	—	—	210	3,109	197	—	—	94	—	—	4,133
,, B	40	6,348	1,000	4,477	3,745	3,224	6,054	45,504	2,797	428	181	1,197	20	242	75,257
,, D	—	950	251	1,026	850	367	610	10,665	477	—	34	150	—	—	15,380
Total	40	7,298	1,252	6,034	4,595	3,591	6,874	59,269	3,471	428	215	1,441	20	242	94,770

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TABLE 4.—SERVICES of the men transferred to the Army Reserve from the Colours during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1905.

Past services towards completion of engagement.	Transfers from													
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Royal Malta Artillery.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	All Arms.
On enlistment ..	—	—	—	—	57	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	72
Under 2 years ..	—	—	—	—	9	—	304	—	—	—	—	—	—	313
2 to 3 years ..	—	—	57	43	205	—	5,596	1	135	1	—	—	—	6,038
3 to 4 years ..	—	1,080	1,374	437	302	725	4,024	—	362	203	49	—	—	8,556
4 to 5 years ..	—	156	216	2	94	5	229	—	3	4	—	—	—	709
5 to 6 years ..	—	162	199	15	72	—	704	36	1	6	5	—	—	1,200
6 to 7 years ..	—	38	109	2	28	3	516	33	—	—	—	—	—	729
7 to 8 years ..	—	428	355	471	55	357	4,040	33	19	19	25	3	—	5,805
8 to 9 years ..	18	188	255	307	27	11	1,760	8	20	2	11	—	—	2,607
9 to 10 years ..	4	5	8	2	1	—	39	11	1	1	—	1	—	73
10 to 11 years ..	4	3	4	—	2	—	35	2	—	—	—	—	—	50
After 11 years ..	—	5	6	3	3	2	53	1	1	1	—	—	—	75
Relegated	—	3	8	3	—	5	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	42
Not reported ..	—	45	—	19	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	65
Total	26	2,113	2,591	1,304	855	1,109	17,323	125	542	237	90	4	15	26,334

N.B.—The figures in this table represent the men transferred to the Reserve as returned by units, &c., during the above period, and do not quite agree with the numbers taken on the strength of the Reserve as "from the Colours" in Table I., p. 107, the latter figures being compiled from returns received from officers in charge of reservists' documents.

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TABLE 5.—SERVICES of MEN transferred from the Colours to the Army Reserve during each year from 1896.

Year.	Services of Men transferred.											Relegated.	Demobilized.	Total transferred to Army Reserve.	Year.
	Under 3 years.	After 3 years.	After 4 years.	After 5 years.	After 6 years.	After 7 years.	After 8 years.	After 9 years.	After 10 years.	After 11 years.	Service not stated.				
1896	137	631	29	532	351	9,641	2,172	151	181	49	—	49	—	13,923	1896
1897	141	593	15	544	301	12,642	2,064	176	197	58	6	67	—	16,804	1897
1898	155	696	17	428	321	12,146	2,109	116	125	38	—	69	—	16,220	1898
1899*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	61	—	12,904	1899*
1900*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41	—	3,055	1900*
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	85	—	804	1901*
1902	—	3,462	756	552	777	7,281	5,873				435	137	17,559	36,832	1902
1st Jan. to 30th Oct., 1903	9†	4,078†	119†	995†	342†	8,761†	4,633	4,015	3,610	571	619†	54†	10,340†	38,146†	1st Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903
Years ending— 30th Sept., 1904 .	30	4,193	444	1,042	570	8,827	1,389	184	86	96	—	66	28	17,255	Years ending— 30th Sept., 1904
30th Sept., 1905..	6,423	8,556	709	1,200	729	5,805	2,607	73	50	75	65	42	—	26,334	30th Sept., 1905

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.
† Figures for nine months only.

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TABLE 6.—AGES of the MEN composing the ARMY RESERVE on the 1st October, 1905.

	Under 30 years of age.		30 to 35 years.		35 to 40 years.		Over 40 years.		Total.	
	Sections		Sections		Sections		Sections		Sections	
	A and B	D	A and B	D	A and B	D	A and B	D	A and B	D
Household Cavalry	18	—	21	—	1	—	—	—	40	—
Cavalry of the Line	4,972	—	1,365	812	11	134	—	4	6,348	950
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	4,846	8	1,133	1,055	28	206	2	8	6,009	1,277
Royal Garrison Artillery	2,364	57	1,293	637	88	152	—	4	3,745	850
Royal Engineers	2,196	5	793	218	152	135	83	9	3,224	367
Foot Guards	5,089	1	1,144	445	31	157	—	7	6,264	610
Infantry of the Line	40,196	139	8,209	8,987	197	1,485	2	54	48,604	10,665
Army Service Corps	2,722	2	259	319	13	154	—	2	2,994	477
Royal Malta Artillery	327	—	101	—	—	—	—	—	428	—
Royal Army Medical Corps	1,058	1	212	94	21	52	—	3	1,291	150
Army Ordnance Corps	132	—	47	28	2	5	—	1	181	34
Army Pay Corps	11	—	8	—	1	—	—	—	20	—
Army Post Office Corps	133	—	92	—	14	—	3	—	242	—
Total	64,064	213	14,677	12,595	559	2,480	90	92	79,390	15,380

NOTE AS TO THE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE RESERVE.

Section B is the ordinary Reserve, and consists of men completing, in the Reserve, the term of their original engagement. It now includes Section C, in which men who had converted a period of Colour service into Reserve service used to serve until the time when their correct date of transfer to the Reserve arrived, when they passed into Section B.

Section A consists of men who undertake during their first year of Reserve service a liability to be called out in certain circumstances, without the general Reserve being mobilized. It was established by Royal Warrant of 8th October, 1898 (Army Order 142 of 1898).

Section D consists of men who, having completed the term of their original engagement (12 years), either with the Colours or in the Reserve, re-engage (or re-enlist) for a further period of four years in the Reserve. (Established by Royal Warrant, 21st March, 1883—Clause 62, Army Circulars, 1883.)

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TABLE 7.—YEARS in which the engagements of the Men composing the Army Reserve on the 1st October, 1905, will expire.

—	Men of Sections A and B. During periods from 1st October to 30th September.											Men of Section D. During periods from 1st October to 30th September.				
	1905-6.	1906-7.	1907-8.	1908-9.	1909-10.	1910-11.	1911-12.	1912-13.	1913-14.	1914-15.	Total.	1905-6.	1906-7.	1907-8.	1908-9.	Total.
Household Cavalry	7	4	13	13	2	—	1	—	—	—	40	—	—	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line	1,081	865	1,021	773	749	378	314	40	1,127	—	6,348	16	221	390	323	950
Royal Horse and Field Artillery ..	790	670	838	999	620	332	353	52	1,355	—	6,009	137	486	329	325	1,277
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	627	760	722	756	257	27	14	2	580	—	3,745	91	192	201	366	850
Royal Engineers ..	419	320	377	367	415	323	232	336	307	128	3,224	33	127	99	108	367
Foot Guards ..	560	511	540	800	951	743	783	726	650	—	6,264	25	190	229	166	610
Infantry of the Line	6,964	7,277	7,587	7,101	3,528	2,345	2,446	2,522	5,638	3,196	48,604	490	3,387	3,095	3,693	10,665
Army Service Corps	200	135	202	229	218	398	475	650	354	133	2,994	121	170	83	103	477
Royal Malta Artillery	18	30	163	111	35	50	20	—	1	—	428	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	101	79	134	63	143	137	242	243	149	—	1,291	9	52	39	50	150
Army Ordnance Corps	31	23	19	18	32	3	5	1	49	—	181	3	12	14	5	34
Army Pay Corps ..	5	5	6	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	20	—	—	—	—	—
Army Post Office Corps	179	—	—	1	46	16	—	—	—	—	242	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms ..	10,982	10,679	11,622	11,252	6,999	4,752	4,885	4,572	10,210	3,457	79,390	925	4,837	4,479	5,139	15,380

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MILITIA.

PART XI.—MILITIA.

TABLE 1.—STATE of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom at the dates of the annual inspections of the several units during the year 1905 and strength of the CHANNEL ISLANDS and COLONIAL MILITIA.

Militia of the United Kingdom.	By Ranks.															By Arms.					
		Permanent Staff.					Militiamen.														
	Militia Officers.	Officers.	Warrant Officers.	Serjeants.	Trumpeters, Buglers, or Drummers.	Rank and File.	Serjeants.	Corporals, Bombardiers and 2nd Corporals.	Buglers.	Gunners, Drivers, Sappers, and Privates.	All Ranks.	English and Welsh Units.	Scottish Units.	Irish Units.	Total.	Field Artillery.	Garrison Artillery.	Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	All Arms.
†Present at training ..	2,111	292	161	2,797	1,121	94	2,016	3,896	1	73,783	86,272‡	57,457	10,495	18,320	86,272‡	380	13,364	‡ 1,829	69,981	718	86,272‡
Absent—																					
With leave	340	4	1	54	12	1	107	262	—	4,966	5,747‡	4,311	544	892	5,747‡	17	758	‡ 578	4,327	67	5,747‡
Without leave ..	9	—	—	—	1	—	27	72	—	4,475	4,584	3,124	576	884	4,584	31	787	97	3,573	96	4,584
Total strength ..	2,460	296	162	2,851	1,134	95	2,150	4,230	1	83,224	96,603‡	64,892	11,615	20,096	96,603‡	428	14,909	‡ 2,504	77,881	881	96,603‡
Establishment ..	3,421	300	162	2,895	1,177	95	2,559	5,278	12	115,237	131,136*	86,147	15,812	29,177	131,136*	432*	18,622	2,564	108,293	1,225	131,136*
Wanting to complete	961	4	—	44	43	—	409	1,048	11	32,013	34,533	21,255	4,197	9,081	34,533	4	3,713	60	30,412	344	34,533
Supernumerary ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
CHANNEL ISLANDS AND COLONIAL MILITIA.												Date for which strength is given :—									
Channel Islands Militia	88	6	6	69	—	—	122	212	44	2,666	3,213	1st July, 1905				—	785	94	2,283	51	3,213
Royal Malta Militia ..	53	4	2	34	15	7	61	61	—	1,460	1,697	1st October, 1905 ..				—	—	59	1,638	—	1,697
Bermuda Militia ..	7	—	—	4	—	—	8	21	4	189	233					—	233	—	—	—	233

N.B.—The above table, in detail for each unit in the United Kingdom, is given in the Militia Training Return for 1905 presented to Parliament.

* As provided for in Army Estimates, exclusive of the establishment (864 of all ranks) of 2 Brigades (6 Batteries) of Royal Field Artillery (Militia), and 4 Companies of Royal Army Medical Corps (Militia) (408 of all ranks) not formed. † Including recruits drilling at depôts and trained recruits absent with leave.

‡ The training of 6 units of Royal Engineer (Militia) Submarine Miners was dispensed with. The strength of these units on July 1st is included in the numbers absent with leave.

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TABLE 2.—STRENGTH of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom at the dates of the inspections of the several corps in each year from 1896.

Year.	By Ranks.														By Arms.					
	Militia Officers.	Permanent Staff.					Militiamen.				All Ranks.	English and Welsh Units.	Scottish Units.	Irish Units.	Total.	Royal Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	All Arms.
		Officers.	Warrant Officers.	Sergeants.	Drummers, &c.	Rank and File.	Sergeants.	Corporals, Bombardiers and 2nd Corporals.	Buglers.	Privates.											
1896	2,897	290	19	3,055	1,178	—	2,304	4,979	—	103,051	117,773	77,720	14,783	25,270	117,773	—	16,928	1,910	93,650	285	117,773
1897	2,766	285	13	3,049	1,158	—	2,305	4,937	—	100,075	114,588	74,759	14,127	25,702	114,588	—	16,999	2,024	95,173	392	114,588
1898	2,815	252	6	3,024	1,159	—	2,252	4,886	—	99,015	113,439	73,659	13,684	26,096	113,439	—	16,886	2,098	94,114	341	113,439
1899	2,752	284	5	2,974	1,140	—	2,225	4,785	—	95,386	109,551	70,583	12,988	25,980	109,551	—	16,449	2,045	90,784	273	109,551
1900*	2,972	293	4	3,010	1,104	—	2,820	4,828	3	81,191	96,225	65,070	10,953	20,202	96,225	—	15,124	2,009	78,940	152	96,225
1901*	2,838	285	151	2,744	1,066	110	3,283	5,131	—	90,064	105,672	74,253	11,316	20,103	105,672	503	15,396	2,232	87,306	235	105,672
1902*	2,668	296	159	2,811	1,078	101	3,110	5,222	—	98,618	114,063	81,172	12,779	20,112	114,063	483	15,974	2,405	94,418	783	114,063
1903	2,765	301	162	2,806	1,086	91	2,468	4,782	—	91,503	105,964	74,290	11,914	19,760	105,964	434	15,222	2,471	87,095	742	105,964
1904	2,583	300	161	2,846	1,138	97	2,203	4,336	—	85,362	99,026	67,827	11,557	19,642	99,026	460	14,992	2,419	80,337	818	99,026
1905	2,460	296	162	2,851	1,134	95	2,150	4,230	1	83,224	96,603	64,892	11,615	20,096	96,603	428	14,909	2,504	77,881	881	96,603

* During the years 1900, 1901, and 1902, owing to the war in South Africa and there being no inspections, the strength on the 1st July is given.

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TABLE 3.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom (exclusive of Officers and Permanent Staff) during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1905, by Countries and by Arms.

—	Countries.			Arms.					Total.
	English Units.	Scottish Units.	Irish Units.	Royal Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	
Strength, 1st October 1904	59,287	10,048	17,156	268	13,084	2,020	70,421	693	86,491
INCREASE.									
Enlisted:—									
To drill on enlistment at Depôt	18,324	1,949	2,336	110	2,303	423	19,154	614	22,609
Preliminary drill and training	3,691	1,092	2,549	—	1,410	493	5,408	21	7,332
Re-enlisted	2,287	429	1,285	10	734	56	3,197	4	4,001
Joined from Desertion	726	174	153	8	149	23	861	12	1,053
Reverted from Reserve Division	11	—	15	—	2	1	23	—	26
Other causes (net) ..	31	—	—	1	30	—	—	—	9
Total Increase..	25,070	3,644	6,338	129	4,628	1,001	28,643	651	35,030
DECREASE.									
Died	245	44	80	3	70	13	278	5	369
Discharged:—									
On termination of engagement	5,370	839	1,531	14	1,259	132	6,322	13	7,740
As invalids	1,815	269	470	2	433	121	1,977	21	2,554
Recruits rejected after attestation	958	99	266	—	226	188	903	6	1,323
By purchase ..	3,658	355	429	31	513	69	3,738	91	4,442
On conviction of felony	491	62	60	1	71	14	431	6	523
For misconduct other than felony	349	77	95	2	85	27	396	11	521
Mis-statement as to age on attestation	169	31	135	2	15	1	316	1	335
For other causes ..	263	29	176	3	68	4	382	11	468
Total discharged	12,983	1,761	3,162	55	2,670	556	14,465	160	17,906
Struck off as Deserters and Absentees	3,440	611	948	32	793	140	3,975	59	4,999
Joined Regular Army	9,788	1,015	1,300	55	1,154	148	10,419	327	12,103
Joined Royal Navy and Royal Marines	300	11	19	1	22	6	281	20	330
Other causes (net) ..	—	12	10	—	—	4	17	1	—
Total Decrease ..	26,756	3,454	5,519	146	4,709	867	29,435	572	35,707
Net { Increase ..	—	190	819	—	—	134	—	79	—
Net { Decrease ..	1,686	—	—	17	81	—	792	—	677
Strength, 1st October 1905	57,601	10,238	17,975	251	13,003	2,154	69,629	777	85,814
* Militia Reserve (old)	152	39	38	—	70	6	145	8	229
* Special Service Section	81	27	159	—	124	—	35	—	159

* Included in Militia strength. Enrolments in the Old Militia Reserve and in the Special Service Section were discontinued from the 1st April, 1901.

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TABLE 4.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the Militia of the United Kingdom (exclusive of Officers and Permanent Staff) during each year from 1896.

	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1st Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903.	Years ending 30th Sept., 1904.	Years ending 30th Sept., 1905.
Strength on the 1st day of each year ..	108,350	107,878	105,531	103,647	98,130	92,741	102,845	102,420	89,743	86,491
INCREASE.										
Enlisted { to drill on enlistment ..	35,412	38,246	31,008	31,659	34,188	33,732	35,597	18,756†	27,694	22,609
Enlisted { for preliminary drill ..			9,100	8,994	3,665	3,912	5,889	7,018†	7,570	7,332
Re-enlisted	2,230	1,760	2,019	2,012	1,342	1,212	2,986	3,623†	4,590	4,001
Joined from desertion	765	902	886	1,069	2,449	1,179	1,224	1,013†	1,160	1,053
Re-transfers from Regular Army	—	—	—	—	1,222*	3,537*	6,668*	29*†	—	—
Reverted from Reserve Division	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	35	26
Other causes (net)	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	104†	—	9
Total increase	38,407	40,908	43,013	43,734	42,866	43,572	52,382	30,543†	41,049	35,030
DECREASE.										
Died	399	412	383	503	813	852	706	352†	425	369
Discharged—										
On termination of engagement ..	18,165	19,647	4,870	4,775	2,531	7,559	13,106	9,518†	10,714	7,740
As invalids			2,803	3,155	4,995	1,853	2,630	2,293†	2,554	2,554
Recruits rejected after attestation ..			710	877	578	444	816	933†	1,011	1,323
By purchase			10,266	11,793	1,830	1,607	3,712	6,793†	5,578	4,442
On conviction of felony			430	487	260	289	371	439†	563	523
For misconduct other than felony ..			348	332	516	479	497	434†	558	521
Misstatement as to age on attestation			381	601	1,354	1,330	1,521	594†	361	335
For other causes									210	468
Total discharged	18,165	19,647	19,808	22,020	12,064	13,561	22,653	21,004†	21,524	17,906
Struck off as deserters or absentees	7,581	8,417	8,716	10,144	11,920	3,366	10,454	9,435†	6,704	4,999
Militia Reserve posted to Regular Army ..	—	—	—	2,156	12,203	89	—	—	—	—
Joined Regular Army	12,643	14,751	15,963	13,518	10,715	14,907	18,373	11,870†	14,932	12,103
Joined Royal Navy or Marines ..				722	247	666	621	559†	716	330
Others causes (net)	91	28	27	188	293	27	—	—	—	—
Total decrease	38,879	43,255	44,897	49,251	48,255	33,468	52,807	43,220†	44,301	35,707
Net { Increase	—	—	—	—	—	10,104	—	—	—	—
Net { Decrease	472	2,347	1,884	5,517	5,389	—	425	12,677†	3,252	677
								1st Oct., 1903	1st Oct., 1904	1st Oct., 1905
Strength on the 1st of following year ..	107,878	105,531	103,647	98,130	92,741	102,845	102,420	89,743	86,491	85,814

* Militia Reserve on Demobilization. † Figures for nine months only.

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TABLE 5.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the RESERVE DIVISION of the MILITIA during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1905.

	English and Welsh Units.	Scottish Units.	Irish Units.	Total.	Royal Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	All Arms.
Strength on 1st October, 1904 ..	5,400	903	779	7,082	43	527	52	6,442	18	7,082
INCREASE:—										
Transfers from Militia on enlistment ..	485	82	117	684	2	1	—	680	1	684
Other causes (net)	7	8	2	17	—	1	—	16	—	17
Total increase ..	492	90	119	701	2	2	—	696	1	701
DECREASE:—										
Died	28	3	7	38	—	1	—	37	—	38
Discharged:— On termination of engagement	8	1	5	14	—	—	—	14	—	14
By purchase ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
For misconduct	8	1	1	10	—	—	—	10	—	10
As invalids ..	6	1	1	8	—	—	—	6	2	8
For other causes	4	1	1	6	—	1	—	5	—	6
	26	4	8	38	—	1	—	35	2	38
Struck off as deserters and absentees	20	—	4	24	—	—	—	24	—	24
Joined Regular Army	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reverted to Militia	12	—	14	26	—	2	1	23	—	26
Other causes (net)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Decrease..	86	7	33	126	—	4	1	119	2	126
Net { Increase ..	406	83	86	575	2	—	—	577	—	575
Net { Decrease ..	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	1	—
Strength on 1st October, 1905 ..	5,806	986	865	7,657	45	525	51	7,019	17	7,657

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TABLE 6.—AGES OF THE RECRUITS who joined the Militia of the United Kingdom during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1905 :—

Arm.	Ages of Recruits joined.											
	Under 17 years.	17 to 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	21 to 22 years.	22 to 23 years.	23 to 24 years.	24 to 25 years.	Over 25 years.	Not reported.	Total.
Royal Field Artillery ...	—	17	27	26	6	3	4	6	10	10	1	110
Royal Garrison Artillery...	69	479	761	488	346	243	220	205	227	666	9	3,713
Royal Engineers	7	58	77	69	48	46	40	50	59	457	10	921
Infantry	565	8,983	7,219	2,681	1,388	903	704	561	562	979	17	24,562
Royal Army Medical Corps	9	128	199	120	60	27	21	12	12	47	—	635
Total	650	9,665	8,283	3,384	1,848	1,222	989	834	870	2,159	37	29,941

TABLE 7.—SERVICES OF THE MEN (exclusive of Permanent Staff) who were struck off as Deserters or Absentees from the Militia of the United Kingdom during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1905 :—

Arm.	Under 3 months' service.	3 and under 6 months' service.	6 and under 9 months' service.	9 and under 12 months' service.	1 and under 2 years' service.	2 and under 3 years' service.	3 and under 4 years' service.	4 and under 5 years' service.	5 years' service and upwards.	Not reported.	Total struck off.
Royal Field Artillery	—	1	10	—	9	3	2	6	1	—	32
Royal Garrison Artillery... ...	101	41	55	64	239	117	66	44	66	—	793
Royal Engineers	33	23	9	2	44	8	6	8	4	3	140
Infantry	450	451	540	510	780	413	307	199	301	24	3,975
Royal Army Medical Corps ...	13	2	7	14	12	4	4	2	—	1	59
Total	597	518	621	590	1,084	545	385	259	372	28	4,999

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TABLE 8.—NUMBER of COURTS-MARTIAL and NUMBER of MEN tried during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1905, in the MILITIA of the United Kingdom (including the Permanent Staff).

Arm.	Number of Men tried.				Number of Trials.			
	Once.	Twice.	Three times.	Total.	General Courts-Martial.	District Courts-Martial.	Regimental Courts-Martial.	Total.
Royal Field Artillery ..	3	—	—	3	—	3	—	3
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	53	1	1	55	—	30	28	58
Royal Engineers	30	—	—	30	—	16	14	30
Infantry	269	4	—	273	—	201	76	277
Royal Army Medical Corps..	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1
Total	356	5	1	362	—	251	118	369

TABLE 9.—NUMBER of MEN of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom fined for DRUNKENNESS and the NUMBER of FINES inflicted during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1905.

Arm.	Number of Men Fined.						Number of Fines Inflicted.
	Once.	Twice.	Three times.	Four times.	Five times.	Total.	
Royal Field Artillery ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	425	43	4	1	—	473	527
Royal Engineers	109	21	3	1	—	134	164
Infantry	1,096	107	17	2	—	1,222	1,369
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1,630	171	24	4	—	1,829	2,060

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TABLE 10.—OFFENCES for which the MEN (including the Permanent Staff) of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom were tried by COURT-MARTIAL, during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1905, showing number of acquittals, &c., and the PUNISHMENTS inflicted.

—	Royal Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	All Arms.
Number of Courts-Martial	3	58	30	277	1	369
OFFENCES FOR WHICH THE MEN WERE TRIED.						
Offences in relation to—						
Mutiny	—	—	—	—	—	—
Desertion	1	3	1	72	1	78
Fraudulent Enlistment	1	2	—	22	—	25
Enlistment	—	9	8	16	—	33
Violence and Disobedience to Superior ..	1	10	10	20	—	41
Minor Insubordination and Neglect of Orders	—	7	1	11	—	19
Quitting or Sleeping on Post	—	—	—	1	—	1
Drunk on Duty	—	7	5	19	—	31
Drunkenness	—	8	6	41	—	55
Disgraceful Conduct	—	1	—	1	—	2
Absence without Leave	—	8	10	61	—	79
Making away with Necessaries	—	5	—	17	1	23
Miscellaneous	—	7	8	33	—	48
Total of Offences	3	67	49	314	2	435
Acquitted	—	4	—	7	—	11
Pardoned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sentences wholly remitted	—	—	—	6	—	6
Sentences quashed	—	1	1	2	—	4
PUNISHMENTS INFLICTED.						
Penal Servitude	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reduction to a lower grade or to the Ranks ..	—	23	13	80	—	116
Reduction and Imprisonment	—	1	3	7	—	11
Stoppages, Fine, or Forfeiture without other Punishment	—	—	—	1	—	1
Imprisonment with or without hard labour ..	3	29	13	174	1	220
Discharged with Ignominy without other Punishment	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total of Punishments inflicted ..	3	53	29	262	1	348

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TABLE 11.—YEARS in which the Engagements will expire of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN (exclusive of the Permanent Staff) of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom serving on 1st October, 1905.

—	Year from 1st October to 30th September							Total.
	1905–1906.	1906–1907.	1907–1908.	1908–1909.	1909–1910.	1910–1911.	1911–1912.	
Royal Field Artillery	17	51	42	43	45	53	—	251
Royal Garrison Artillery	1,574	2,073	2,420	2,668	2,104	2,163	1*	13,003
Royal Engineers	228	316	357	392	409	449	3*	2,154
Infantry	8,699	10,260	11,668	12,214	12,487	14,301	—	69,629
Royal Army Medical Corps	13	66	117	81	170	330	—	777
Total	10,531	12,766	14,604	15,398	15,215	17,296	4*	85,814

* Men rejoined from absence, who have not yet served a training, and have consequently 6 trainings to attend.

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TABLE 12.—AGES of Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Militia of the United Kingdom (exclusive of the Permanent Staff), on 1st October, 1905.

Age.	Royal Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Total—All Arms.
Under 18	3	349	30	5,089	53	5,524
18 and under 19	14	601	70	8,646	156	9,487
19 ,, 20	23	796	107	7,121	126	8,173
20 ,, 21	20	748	118	5,769	93	6,748
21 ,, 22	24	765	147	5,803	90	6,829
22 ,, 23	19	723	159	5,513	68	6,482
23 ,, 24	26	712	121	4,685	45	5,589
24 ,, 25	24	681	116	3,553	19	4,393
25 ,, 26	19	671	106	2,735	21	3,552
26 ,, 27	7	587	128	2,080	18	2,820
27 ,, 28	6	577	100	1,860	16	2,559
28 ,, 29	8	494	91	1,567	8	2,168
29 ,, 30	7	493	111	1,497	8	2,116
30 ,, 31	5	491	109	1,428	8	2,041
31 ,, 32	3	473	93	1,324	5	1,898
32 ,, 33	5	453	81	1,259	11	1,809
33 ,, 34	6	445	79	1,164	8	1,702
34 ,, 35	4	437	75	1,209	8	1,733
35 ,, 36	6	376	65	1,050	5	1,502
36 ,, 37	4	282	45	875	2	1,208
37 ,, 38	2	303	26	876	4	1,211
38 ,, 39	3	271	31	875	—	1,180
39 ,, 40	3	241	29	848	2	1,123
40 and upwards	10	1,034	117	2,803	3	3,967
Total	251	13,003	2,154	69,629	777	85,814

RESERVE DIVISION.

25 and under 30	—	7	1	89	—	97
30 ,, 35	—	73	1	797	1	872
35 ,, 40	16	178	17	2,628	5	2,844
40 ,, 45	21	194	16	2,721	10	2,962
45 ,, 50	8	73	16	784	1	882
Total	45	525	51	7,019	17	7,657

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TABLE 13.—AGES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Militia of the United Kingdom in each year from 1897, and of the Reserve Division since its formation in 1903. (Permanent Staff included in years 1897 to 1903 and excluded from 1904 and 1905).

—	1897 (1st Jan.).	1898 (1st Jan.).	1899 (1st Jan.).	1900 (1st Jan.).	1901 (1st Jan.).	1902 (1st Jan.).	1903 (1st Jan.).	1903 (1st Oct.).	1904 (1st Oct.).	1905 (1st Oct.).	—
Under 17	769	793	782	831	737	663	480	7,892	8,486	5,521	under 17.
17 and under 18	6,544	7,939	8,496	7,965	7,179	7,113	9,310				17 and under 18.
18 ,, 19	13,773	13,109	13,441	11,641	11,204	12,607	13,480	9,882	9,815	9,487	18 ,, 19.
19 ,, 20	13,379	12,681	12,876	10,951	11,690	11,595	11,120	9,275	8,154	8,173	19 ,, 20.
20 ,, 21									7,091	6,748	20 ,, 21.
21 ,, 22									6,793	6,829	21 ,, 22.
22 ,, 23	28,516	26,497	24,726	21,921	18,101	20,143	32,752	31,625	6,538	6,482	22 ,, 23.
23 ,, 24									5,304	5,589	23 ,, 24.
24 ,, 25									3,903	4,393	24 ,, 25.
25 ,, 26									3,246	3,552	25 ,, 26.
26 ,, 27									2,791	2,820	26 ,, 27.
27 ,, 28	18,695	18,708	17,917	16,788	12,292	14,837	15,129	13,426	2,337	2,559	27 ,, 28.
28 ,, 29									2,267	2,168	28 ,, 29.
29 ,, 30									2,119	2,116	29 ,, 30.
30 ,, 31									1,984	2,041	30 ,, 31.
31 ,, 32									1,849	1,898	31 ,, 32.
32 ,, 33	15,235	15,001	14,904	14,027	10,871	11,189	11,333	10,077	1,759	1,809	32 ,, 33.
33 ,, 34									1,626	1,702	33 ,, 34.
34 ,, 35									1,498	1,733	34 ,, 35.
35 ,, 36									1,310	1,502	35 ,, 36.
36 ,, 37									1,213	1,208	36 ,, 37.
37 ,, 38									1,047	1,211	37 ,, 38.
38 ,, 39	15,118	14,990	14,611	13,140	10,855	13,111	12,741	11,657	1,019	1,180	38 ,, 39.
39 ,, 40									923	1,123	39 ,, 40.
40 and over									3,416	3,967	40 and over.
Not reported...	—	—	—	4,898	13,691	6,616	—	—	—	—	Not reported.
Total	112,029	109,628	107,753	102,165	96,620	106,874	106,345	93,834	86,488	85,814	—
RESERVE DIVISION.											
25 and under 30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	311	245	97	25 and under 30.
30 ,, 35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	770	1,001	872	30 ,, 35.
35 ,, 40	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,254	2,950	2,844	35 ,, 40.
40 ,, 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,536	2,401	2,962	40 ,, 45.
45 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	181	485	882	45 and over.
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,052	7,082	7,657	—

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TABLE 14.—NATIONALITIES of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN (exclusive of the Permanent Staff) of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom on the 1st October, 1905.

Arm.	Country to which corps belongs.	Born in England.			Born in Scotland.			Born in Ireland.			Born in India or the Colonies.	British Subjects born Abroad.	Total.
		In County for which Enlisted.	Elsewhere.	Total.	In County for which Enlisted.	Elsewhere.	Total.	In County for which Enlisted.	Elsewhere.	Total.			
Royal Field Artillery	England ..	203	21	224	—	4	4	—	22	22	—	1	251
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	England ..	4,240	1,795	6,035	—	43	43	—	153	153	15	1	6,247
	Scotland ..	—	76	76	1,729	419	2,148	—	197	197	1	1	2,423
	Ireland ..	—	41	41	—	21	21	3,618	651	4,269	—	2	4,333
	Total ..	4,240	1,912	6,152	1,729	483	2,212	3,618	1,001	4,619	16	4	13,003
Royal Engineers ..	England ..	1,072	929	2,001	—	13	13	—	131	131	6	3	2,154
Infantry ..	England ..	37,118	9,065	46,183	—	532	532	—	1,589	1,589	75	24	48,403
	Scotland ..	—	256	256	5,422	1,501	6,923	—	544	544	10	5	7,738
	Ireland ..	—	164	164	—	47	47	10,148	3,122	13,270	4	3	13,488
	Total ..	37,118	9,485	46,603	5,422	2,080	7,502	10,148	5,255	15,403	89	32	69,629
Royal Army Medical Corps	England ..	442	86	528	—	4	4	—	9	9	4	1	546
	Scotland ..	—	5	5	72	—	72	—	—	—	—	—	77
	Ireland ..	—	4	4	—	2	2	137	11	148	—	—	154
	Total ..	442	95	537	72	6	78	137	20	157	4	1	777
All Arms	England ..	43,075	11,896	54,971	—	596	596	—	1,904	1,904	100	30	57,601
	Scotland ..	—	337	337	7,223	1,920	9,143	—	741	741	11	6	10,238
	Ireland ..	—	209	209	—	70	70	13,903	3,784	17,687	4	5	17,975
	Total ..	43,075	12,442	55,517	7,223	2,586	9,809	13,903	6,429	20,332	115	41	85,814

N.B.—It should be noted that in previous years this table has included the Permanent Staff, who are excluded from the numbers given above.

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TABLE 15.—SERVICES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Militia (excluding the Permanent Staff) on 1st October, 1905.

Service.	Royal Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Total.
Under 1 year	52	2,364	491	14,906	335	18,148
1 year and under 2 years ..	54	2,256	389	11,772	157	14,628
2 years ,, 3 ,, ..	32	1,698	329	8,820	61	10,940
3 ,, ,, 4 ,, ..	32	1,429	240	7,575	130	9,406
4 ,, ,, 5 ,, ..	51	963	189	6,364	42	7,609
5 ,, ,, 6 ,, ..	5	933	179	5,869	29	7,015
6 ,, ,, 7 ,, ..	9	512	54	2,669	6	3,250
7 ,, ,, 8 ,, ..	4	380	47	1,947	6	2,384
8 ,, ,, 9 ,, ..	2	385	33	1,429	—	1,849
9 ,, ,, 10 ,, ..	2	296	33	1,147	4	1,482
10 ,, ,, 11 ,, ..	2	221	18	897	5	1,143
11 ,, ,, 12 ,, ..	3	228	29	955	1	1,216
12 ,, ,, 13 ,, ..	1	204	21	877	—	1,103
13 ,, ,, 14 ,, ..	—	179	22	600	—	801
14 ,, ,, 15 ,, ..	—	140	9	532	—	681
15 ,, ,, 16 ,, ..	—	120	11	528	—	659
16 ,, ,, 17 ,, ..	1	119	20	411	—	551
17 ,, ,, 18 ,, ..	1	80	15	330	—	426
18 ,, ,, 19 ,, ..	—	91	8	357	—	456
19 ,, ,, 20 ,, ..	—	92	4	375	1	472
20 ,, ,, 21 ,, ..	—	64	4	295	—	363
21 ,, ,, 22 ,, ..	—	61	—	254	—	315
22 ,, ,, 23 ,, ..	—	39	3	166	—	208
23 ,, ,, 24 ,, ..	—	45	1	138	—	184
24 years and over	—	104	5	416	—	525
Total	251	13,003	2,154	69,629	777	85,814

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TABLE 16.—RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN (exclusive of the Permanent Staff) of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom, on 1st October, 1905.

Arm.	Country.	Church of England.	Presbyterians.	Wesleyans.	Baptists or Congregationalists.	Other Protestants not included in the foregoing.	Roman Catholics.	Jews.	Total.
Royal Field Artillery	England ..	129	2	2	—	—	117	1	251
Royal Garrison Artillery	England ..	4,553	61	244	165	36	1,187	1	6,247
	Scotland ..	138	1,228	10	1	2	1,043	1	2,423
	Ireland ..	429	158	10	—	4	3,732	—	4,333
	Total ..	5,120	1,447	264	166	42	5,962	2	13,003
Royal Engineers	England ..	1,255	20	141	93	4	641	—	2,154
Infantry	England ..	36,574	333	2,193	530	252	8,456	65	48,403
	Scotland ..	352	4,887	49	9	6	2,433	2	7,738
	Ireland ..	1,522	338	55	1	3	11,568	1	13,488
	Total ..	38,448	5,558	2,297	540	261	22,457	68	69,629
Royal Army Medical Corps	England ..	443	5	35	7	—	56	—	546
	Scotland ..	12	59	—	2	—	4	—	77
	Ireland ..	41	44	4	—	—	65	—	154
	Total ..	496	108	39	9	—	125	—	777
All Arms	England ..	42,954	421	2,615	795	292	10,457	67	57,601
	Scotland ..	502	6,174	59	12	8	3,480	3	10,238
	Ireland ..	1,992	540	69	1	7	15,365	1	17,975
	Total ..	45,448	7,135	2,743	808	307	29,302	71	85,814

N.B.—It should be noted that this table in previous years has included the Permanent Staff, who are excluded from the numbers given above.

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TABLE 17.—SERVICES of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN of the PERMANENT STAFF of the AUXILIARY FORCES on the 1st October, 1905.

Arm.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 6 years.	6 to 7 years.	7 to 8 years.	8 to 9 years.	9 to 10 years.	10 to 11 years.	11 to 12 years.	12 to 13 years.	13 to 14 years.	14 to 15 years.	15 to 16 years.	16 to 17 years.	17 to 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	21 to 22 years.	22 to 23 years.	23 to 24 years.	24 years and upwards.	Pensioners and Men on Militia engagement.†	Total.
Imperial Yeomanry ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	13	18	25	24	28	35	18	25	22	17	57	...	290
Royal Field Artillery—																											
Militia	...	4	20	8	9	22	15	7	2	1	4	2	3	2	3	6	...	4	2	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	117
Royal Garrison Artillery—																											
Militia	14	25	31	20	14	3	4	6	7	3	6	15	33	44	38	42	41	62	45	42	35	27	17	13	26	8	621
Volunteers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	5	11	32	33	37	28	31	32	29	93	1	340
Total	14	25	31	20	14	3	4	7	7	3	6	15	33	45	38	47	55	94	78	79	63	61	49	42	119	9	961
Royal Engineers—																											
Militia	1	5	3	2	1	...	2	...	1	...	1	2	...	1	1	...	5	5	7	5	13	10	10	7	22	3	107
Volunteers	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	3	1	4	11	6	6	3	5	6	4	6	9	8	9	3	3	2	12	...	107
Total	1	5	3	2	1	1	7	3	2	4	12	8	6	4	6	6	9	11	16	13	22	13	13	9	34	3	214
Infantry—																											
Militia	60	55	71	50	26	25	38	46	32	33	45	91	151	222	228	224	260	274	261	281	231	135	96	62	101	40	3,138
Volunteers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	46	79	118	161	186	115	133	71	329	3	1,256
Total	60	55	71	50	26	25	38	46	32	33	45	91	151	222	228	239	306	353	379	442	417	250	229	133	430	43	4,394
Royal Army Medical Corps—																											
Militia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	4	4	2	1	1	...	2	...	1	2	...	4	...	25
Volunteers*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	5	3	1	6	5	4	5	1	...	10	...	44*
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	4	8	7	4	2	6	7	4	6	3	...	14	...	6
Motor Volunteer Corps—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2
Hon. Artillery Company	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	4
Bermuda V.R.C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	4
All Arms—																											
Yeomanry	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	13	18	25	24	28	35	18	25	22	17	57	...	290
Militia	75	89	125	80	50	50	59	59	42	37	56	111	190	273	274	274	397	346	315	332	279	173	125	82	154	51	4,008
Volunteers	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	4	1	4	11	6	6	5	9	33	67	118	166	213	229	157	170	103	415	4	1,757
Total	75	89	125	80	50	51	64	63	43	41	67	117	197	285	296	325	399	488	509	580	526	355	317	202	656	55	6,055

* Includes the Permanent Staff of Volunteer Infantry Brigade Bearer Companies (independent Companies).
† All the men are serving in Line engagements, except those given in this column.

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PART XII.—IMPERIAL YEOMANRY.

TABLE 1.—STATE of the IMPERIAL YEOMANRY at the dates of the annual inspections of the several corps during the year 1905.

—	Yeomanry Officers.	Permanent Staff.		Yeomen.			All Ranks.	All Ranks.			
		Officers (Adjutants).	Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Trumpeters.	Rank and File.		English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Total.
Present at inspection ..	1,069	56	288	1,785	370	19,468	23,036	18,145	3,763	828	23,036
Absent from inspection :											
With leave	170	2	—	120	12	1,644	1,948	1,565	298	85	1,948
Without leave ..	1	—	—	8	3	345	357	257	81	19	357
Total strength	1,240	58	288	1,913	385	21,457	25,341	20,267	4,142	932	25,341
Establishment as provided for in Army Estimates ..	1,538	58	290	2,146	464	23,142	27,638	22,372	4,314	952	27,638
Wanting to complete ..	298	—	2	233	79	1,685	2,297	2,105	172	20	2,297
Supernumerary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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TABLE 2.—STRENGTH of the IMPERIAL YEOMANRY‡ at the dates of the annual inspections of the several corps in each year from 1896.

Year.	Yeomanry Officers.	Permanent Staff.		Yeomen.			All Ranks.	All Ranks.			
		Officers. (Adjutants).	Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Trumpeters.	Rank and File.		English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Total.
1896	621	18	145	897	187	8,316	10,184*	9,250	934	—	10,184*
1897	617	19	146	912	190	8,307	10,191	9,255	936	—	10,191
1898	628	19	147	886	190	8,337	10,207	9,277	930	—	10,207
1899	635	19	148	905	184	8,223	10,114	9,234	880	—	10,114
1900	536	18	125	848	170	8,450	10,147†	9,321	826	—	10,147†
1901	680	35	158	993	174	11,161	13,201†	12,194	1,007	—	13,201†
1902	939	50	243	1,488	289	18,831	21,840†	19,949	1,891	—	21,840†
1903	1,180	57	284	1,742	324	22,785	26,372	22,126	3,790	456	26,372
1904	1,232	57	289	1,835	356	23,619	27,388	21,999	4,487	902	27,388
1905	1,240	58	288	1,913	385	21,457	25,341	20,267	4,142	932	25,341

* One regiment and one squadron were not inspected in 1896, but their enrolled strength on 1st July is included.
† Exclusive of the Imperial Yeomanry in South Africa (who were serving on *Army* engagements).
‡ The title of the force was changed from Yeomanry Cavalry to Imperial Yeomanry by Royal Warrant dated 15th April, 1901 (Army Order 109 of 1901).

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TABLE 3.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the IMPERIAL YEOMANRY (exclusive of Officers and Permanent Staff) during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1905.

—	Yeomen.			
	English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Total.
Strength on 1st October, 1904	20,492	4,166	844	25,502
INCREASE:—				
Enlisted	3,557	396	107	4,060
Re-enlisted	12	2	—	14
Joined from desertion ..	3	—	—	3
Other causes	3	1	—	4
Total Increase ..	3,575	399	107	4,081
DECREASE:—				
Died	51	10	1	62
Discharged—				
On termination of engagement	3,664	418	18	4,100
As invalids	55	15	7	77
Recruits rejected after attestation	4	31	—	35
By purchase	809	207	29	1,045
On conviction of felony	6	—	—	6
For misconduct other than felony	26	5	—	31
For other causes ..	55	2	—	57
Total discharged ..	4,619	678	54	5,351
Struck off as deserters ..	272	48	16	336
Joined { Regular Army ..	133	23	24	180
Joined { Royal Navy and Marines ..	24	—	—	24
Other causes	40	2	1	43
Total Decrease ..	5,139	761	96	5,996
Net Increase	—	—	11	—
Net Decrease	1,564	362	—	1,915
Strength on 1st October, 1905	18,928	3,804	855	23,587

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TABLE 4.—AGES of the IMPERIAL YEOMANRY (exclusive of Officers and Permanent Staff) on the 1st October, 1905.

—	English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Total.
17 and under 18 years ..	217	32	7	256
18 „ 19 „ ..	788	162	80	1,030
19 „ 20 „ ..	1,295	257	83	1,635
20 „ 21 „ ..	1,757	376	70	2,203
21 „ 22 „ ..	1,861	364	102	2,327
22 „ 23 „ ..	1,753	292	102	2,147
23 „ 24 „ ..	1,629	311	60	2,000
24 „ 25 „ ..	1,375	264	94	1,733
25 „ 26 „ ..	1,135	283	64	1,482
26 „ 27 „ ..	899	197	39	1,135
27 „ 28 „ ..	843	205	26	1,074
28 „ 29 „ ..	728	159	22	909
29 „ 30 „ ..	746	170	26	942
30 „ 35 „ ..	1,957	357	56	2,370
35 „ 40 „ ..	1,045	242	21	1,308
40 „ 45 „ ..	560	96	2	658
45 „ 50 „ ..	302	37	1	340
50 years and upwards ..	38	—	—	38
Total ..	18,928	3,804	855	23,587

TABLE 5.—PAST SERVICES of the IMPERIAL YEOMANRY (exclusive of Officers and Permanent Staff) on the 1st October, 1905.

—	English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Total.
Under 1 year	3,417	418	104	3,939
1 and under 2 years ..	3,553	956	416	4,925
2 „ 3 „ ..	4,467	1,682	315	6,464
3 „ 4 „ ..	3,612	297	19	3,928
4 „ 5 „ ..	1,412	172	1	1,585
5 „ 6 „ ..	627	61	—	688
6 „ 7 „ ..	298	30	—	328
7 „ 8 „ ..	248	24	—	272
8 „ 9 „ ..	226	19	—	245
9 „ 10 „ ..	158	24	—	182
10 „ 15 „ ..	441	57	—	498
15 „ 20 „ ..	221	34	—	255
20 years and upwards ..	248	30	—	278
Total . ..	18,928	3,804	855	23,587

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PART XIII.—VOLUNTEERS.

TABLE 1.—STRENGTH of the VOLUNTEER FORCE by ARMS, 1st November, 1905.*

Arm.	Establishments (Army Estimates 1905–6).					Strength.						Special Grants earned.								Attended Camp (All Ranks, including Permanent Staff).	
				Permanent Staff.		Efficient.§		Non-efficient.				Proficient.			Supply Duties.						
	Volunteer Officers.	Volunteers.	Total all Ranks, excluding Permanent Staff.	Officers.	Serjeants.	Vol. Officers.	Volunteers.	Vol. Officers.	Volunteers.	Total all Ranks, excluding Permanent Staff.	Permanent Staff.	Officers.	Serjeants.	Grants for Artillery or Tactics (Officers).	Officers.	N.C.O.'s and Men.	Present at Inspection (all Ranks, including Permanent Staff).	Mounted Infantry (included in Strength).	Cyclists (included in Strength).	Machine Guns.	For 15 days.	For 8 days only.
Royal Garrison Artillery	2,159	47,599	49,758	66	343	1,524	36,594	110	1,594	39,822	384	1,278	2,710	639	...	...	30,446	...	...	...	3,560	22,711
Royal Engineers—Field, Fortress, Electrical, and Railway	779	18,277	19,056	22	111	557	14,534	29	877	15,997	119	411	913	79	...	...	2,738	...	...	...	17	11,582
Submarine Miners	120	1,765	1,885	...	...	89	1,574	12	64	1,739	...	...	...	5	...	...	1,497	...	...	...	917	632
Infantry‡	7,926	253,422	261,348†	227	1,279	5,925	173,529	281	4,892	184,627	1,470	4,990	11,422	1,077	41	40	138,331	1,301	10,248	204	19,790	110,779
Royal Army Medical Corps (Vols.) ...	212	3,758	3,970	4	21	118	3,152	3	144	3,417	25	107	281	...	2	20	2,626	...	103	...	582	1,745
Volunteer Infantry Brigade Bearer Cos. ‖	138	2,806	2,944	...	46	61	1,722	2	54	1,839	22	59	199	...	...	...	1,583	...	...	...	16	1,476
Motor Volunteer Corps	50	150	200	1	2	44	103	...	...	147	3	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	11,384	327,777	339,161†	320	1,802	8,318	231,208	437	7,625	247,588	2,023	6,888	15,525	1,800	43	60	187,221	1,301	10,351	204	24,882	148,925
Honourable Artillery Company ...	45	854	899	1	4	36	422	...	25	483	5	33	49	11	...	...	339	...	...	1	...	318
Bermuda Volunteer Rifle Corps ...	14	300	314	1	4	9	112	2	42	165	5	9	20	...	...	...	129	...	...	...	...	130 (For 6 days)

* The 1st November is the commencement of the Volunteer Year.
† Exclusive of 538 Reservists of the Army Post Office Corps and of the R.E. Telegraph Reserve, forming part of the 24th Middlesex V.R.
‡ Including, except as regards Establishments, the Bearer Companies which form part of Infantry units, and Cadets who are enrolled volunteers serving under the command of the O.C. the Cadet Corps under paras. 176–178 Volunteer Regulations.
§ No distinction is made between higher grants and lower grants, as the conditions for the former were waived this year.
‖ The establishment includes all bearer companies; the strength includes only independent bearer companies, companies which are borne on the strength of units of Infantry or R.A.M.C. Volunteers being included with those units.
N.B.—This is a preliminary return; the final figures, which will appear in the Volunteer Annual Return, may be slightly modified.

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TABLE 2.—TOTAL of all ARMS in VOLUNTEER FORCE in GREAT BRITAIN (including the Permanent Staff), on 1st November in each year since 1896. (The Honourable Artillery are not included.)

Year.	Establishment. All Ranks.	All Ranks.			Proficients who have qualified for the Special Grant.			Officers who have Passed in Tactics or Artillery, and have qualified for the Special Grant.	Who have Passed in Signalling and have qualified for the Special Grant.		Who have Passed in Supply Duties and have qualified for the Special Grant.		Present at Inspection.	Percentage of Efficients to Enrolled.	Percentage Present at Inspection to numbers Enrolled on 1st Nov. following.
		Efficient.	Non-Efficient.	Total.	Officers.	Sergeants.	Total.		Officers.	Non-Com. Officers.	Officers.	Non-Com. Officers.			
1896	262,037	229,034	7,025	236,059	6,229	13,623	19,852	1,528	27	40	9	20	204,229	97·02	86·52
1897	262,558	225,206	6,592	231,798	6,306	13,629	19,935	1,605	13	22	11	28	197,645	97·16	85·27
1898	262,580	224,300	6,378	230,678	6,388	13,657	20,045	1,694	10	17	14	25	198,376	97·24	86·00
1899	263,416	223,921	5,933	229,854	6,476	13,638	20,114	1,816	9	18	14	21	196,756	97·42	85·60
1900	339,511	270,369	7,259	277,628	7,357	15,110	22,467	1,874	9	17	7	16	231,974	97·39	83·56
1901	342,003	281,062	7,414	288,476	7,574	15,593	23,167	1,971	16	99	7	17	242,103	97·43	83·93
1902	345,547	256,451	12,099	268,550	7,522	15,755	23,277	1,995	18	154	13	13	208,083	95·49	77·48
1903	346,171	242,104	11,177	253,281	7,107	15,651	22,758	1,921	20	204	15	19	195,508	95·59	77·19
1904	343,375	244,537	9,372	253,909	6,965	15,602	22,567	1,876	†	†	23	41	200,174	96·31	78·84
1905*	341,283	241,549	8,062	249,611	6,888	15,525	22,413	1,800	†	†	43	60	187,221	96·77	75·01

* The final figures for 1905 will appear in the Annual Return of the Volunteer Corps of Great Britain. They may differ slightly from those given above.

† In 1904 and 1905 the Signalling grant was awarded as a regimental allowance, and not as a capitation grant.

N.B.—Members of Cadet Corps who are enrolled Volunteers, but who are for administrative purposes under the Officer Commanding the Cadet Corps, are supernumerary to the establishments given above, but are included in the strengths.

By Command of the Army Council.

E W D Ward

WAR OFFICE,
21*st March*, 1906.

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APPENDIX F TO ANNUAL REPORT ON RECRUITING.

(*See* page 17.)

Appendix F has been divided into two parts :—

I. By Districts for the period 1st October to 31st December, 1904.
II. By Commands for the period 1st January to 30th September, 1905.

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APPENDIX F—*continued.*

(*e*) Boys Under 17 Years

District.	Boys under 17 years.	
	Inspections.	Rejections.
North Eastern	39	5
North Western	66	11
Eastern	31	4
Western	52	13
Southern	34	7
Netley	2	—
Thames	35	6
South Eastern	47	8
Home	185	44
Woolwich	19	4
Aldershot	45	17
Salisbury Plain	—	—
Channel Isles	9	2
Scottish	32	8
Belfast	6	1
Dublin	5	—
Dublin District (Staff)	31	1
Cork	13	—
Total	651	131

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APPENDIX F—*continued.*

(*e*) Boys Under 17 Years.

Command.	Boys under 17 years. Inspections.	Boys under 17 years. Rejections.
Aldershot	37	5
	33	4
	43	5
Southern	110	26
	101	30
	114	22
Eastern	165	28
	124	18
	166	37
Irish	58	8
	51	5
	51	6
Scottish	31	8
	27	4
	28	9
Northern	62	13
	45	9
	95	22
Welsh and Midland	50	7
	20	8
	39	4
London District	166	36
	112	37
	244	57
Channel Isles	21	3
	10	4
	8	2
Total	2,011	417

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THE REPORT of the Director of Recruiting and Organization appears again as a portion of this Report, but has not been issued separately this year.

The following slight modifications have been made in the Statistical Section of the Report this year:—

More detail has been given in the Table of recruits rejected, attested, and finally approved for the current year (page 57).

The educational classification of recruits resulting from the new system of examination by schoolmasters is given on page 105.

The ages of public horses and mules have been omitted from Section II, Part IX.

By Command of the Army Council,

E W D Ward

WAR OFFICE,
March 28th, 1907.

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SECTION I.

ANNUAL REPORT OF RECRUITING FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

ARMY AND MILITIA.

War Office, January 31, 1907.

Adjutant-General to the Forces.

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on Recruiting for the year ended the 30th September, 1906. The Report is divided into four parts :—

I.—General Observations on Recruiting for the past year.
II.—Army Reserve.
III.—Militia and Imperial Yeomanry.
IV.—Civil Employment of Discharged Soldiers and Reservists.

I.—General Observations on Recruiting.

Results for the year.

1. The number of recruits who joined the Regular Army, excluding those for Colonial Corps and re-enlisted men, for the twelve months under review amounted to 36,410, and for the Militia to 28,732. The total for the Regular Army shows an increase of 1,059 as compared with the previous twelve months, while that for the Militia shows a falling off of 1,209.

Observations on establishments and recruiting.

2. The reductions, proposed and impending, in the establishment of the Army, to a certain extent dislocated ordinary recruiting arrangements, in some arms necessitating the restriction of recruiting, and in others the adoption of special measures, such as conversion of service, to reduce the establishment and thus enable recruiting to be maintained for other arms without exceeding the numbers voted.

Reductions in establishment.

To meet the reduction in establishment in consequence of the decision of the Government to reduce the Army, and at the same time to avoid a complete block in the promotion of younger non-commissioned officers, special measures have been necessitated.

Notice has been given that non-commissioned officers and men, of the corps concerned, were not to be allowed to continue in the Service beyond 21 years, the period for which they have re-engaged. In the case of those enlisted as boys, the completion of 21 years is reckoned from the date of attaining 18 years of age, in other words, the boy's service does not reckon. In the case of non-commissioned officers and men who have already completed 21 years' man's service, several months' notice has been given, with a view to enabling those concerned to endeavour to obtain civil employment. As regards non-commissioned officers serving on the Permanent Staff of Auxiliary Forces, these orders have obliged us to discharge non-commissioned officers, who, by the Regulations, in ordinary circumstances are allowed to serve on up to the age of 50, or, in special cases, up to the age of 52. The result will be to throw on the labour market

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a considerable number of elderly men with wives and families, who, although they have earned their pensions, may find it difficult to obtain civil employment.

3. In consequence of the large draft requirements caused by the non-extension of men enlisted for three years, who are serving abroad, special bounties were offered to men to extend their service for a given number of years, in order to mitigate the heavy strain thrown upon home establishments. The number of men, who have accepted these bounties, is less than had been hoped for. The drain on the home establishments has therefore been great, and considerable depletion in battalions of infantry at home has been created, thus adding to the calls upon infantry recruiting.

4. The increased results, obtained in recruiting, are to a certain extent attributable to the fact that the popular mounted corps, such as the Cavalry and Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery, have been open to recruiting generally throughout the past year. The effect of recruiting for these arms has, however, been felt by the Infantry of the Line, recruiting for which has shown a marked decrease during the year.

Appointment of retired recruiting officers.

5. The appointment of a retired officer, in special charge of recruiting at Birkenhead, has been cancelled, as, with the facilities for communication between Liverpool and that town, it was found that it would be more economical to place the recruiting at Birkenhead under the orders of the Recruiting Staff Officer at Liverpool. The results, moreover, obtained at Birkenhead were disappointing and did not seem to justify the expense of the appointment. It is proposed to substitute the town of Bristol for Birkenhead as a station for a retired officer, leaving the officer commanding the depôt of the Gloucester Regiment responsible for the recruiting in the county of Gloucester outside the town of Bristol. The results obtained by the retired officers at Dundee, Sunderland, Nottingham, and Blackburn, have been decidedly satisfactory for the year.

Physical training.

6. Careful enquiries have been made during the past year as regards the physical training of Recruits at depôts. The Inspector of Gymnasia has been in constant communication with this office on the subject, and steps have been taken to ensure the close co-operation of the Medical authorities with the Gymnastic Staff on this important matter. He has, in conjunction with the medical officers in charge, made tours of inspection of the several depôts. There has been reason to fear that in the past too much importance has been laid upon smartness in drill, rather than upon the gradual physical development of the Recruits' powers, with the result that in some instances Recruits have been overstrained. The subject has been considered of such importance that special arrangements have been made, by which the services of an officer of the Danish Army have been obtained, and he has been attached for a year to the Headquarter Gymnasium at Aldershot. The system of gymnastics and physical training, in the Danish and Swedish armies, has been brought to a high pitch of efficiency, and it is hoped to model the system of the physical training of our army on similar lines, and, while preserving the necessary military requirements to keep in view the important physical principles on which the system is based. The Gymnastic Staff of Instructors are gradually being grounded in these principles, being withdrawn from the several depôts for this purpose, and it is hoped, when the new syllabus of instruction now being drawn up is completed, that valuable results will be obtained by the changes made. The important factor in the new

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course is the greater prominence given to "free" exercises, that is, exercises with the body, arms, legs, &c., as compared with "fixed" exercises, with apparatus, bars, &c.

In consequence of remarks made by His Royal Highness, the Inspector-General of the Forces, commenting on the physical training of the Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery, in his Annual Report to the Army Council, a circular was sent round to all General Officers Commanding-in-Chief at Home, calling attention to the advisability of giving all artillerymen a short daily exercise in physical drill. This is the more necessary as the new Q.F. field gun and carriage is a heavy one, and the capability of gunners, enlisted under the present standard, to handle it efficiently must in a great degree depend on their physical training and development.

Standard of vision.

7. The new system, which had been on trial at St. George's Barracks, London, for testing the vision of Recruits, having given satisfactory results, an Army Order was issued in July last making the system universal. The same tests are now applicable to all arms of the Service, including Militia, Imperial Yeomanry and Volunteers, the only exception made being for candidates for the Corps of Army Schoolmasters.

Medical examination of Recruits.

8. To enable medical officers of the Auxiliary Forces and civilian medical practitioners to have fuller information as to the method of medical examination of Recruits, a special pamphlet, containing full instructions on the subject, has been approved and promulgated to all concerned.

Defective teeth.

9. An experiment has been made in the Northern Command with a view of checking the numerous rejections, among Recruits, for defective teeth, and the General Officer-Commanding-in-Chief introduced a system of sending Recruits to a local dentist for treatment, provided the cost of such treatment did not exceed 10*s.* a recruit. A recent report received shows that the system has worked with satisfactory results and that a total of 7 per cent. of Recruits who would otherwise have been rejected have been enabled to enter the army. This system is being extended.

Characters of Recruits.

10. The reports on the characters of Recruits continue to be satisfactory, and now that the Bill has been passed by Parliament, dealing with the penalties which may be enforced on the production of false characters, it is hoped that the number of undesirable men entering the service, under false pretences, will be materially diminished.

Recruiting houses.

11. The negotiations for the lease of better recruiting premises at Birmingham have been completed, and the premises have been taken into occupation. A new recruiting house has also been hired at Burnley, consequent on the vacation of the barracks. It is hoped, in the case of other recruiting premises unfavourably reported on, that the policy will be continued of substituting good and suitable premises in desirable localities. Much importance is attached to this question. Good premises in good surroundings do attract a better class of Recruit, and the general opinion of military service is lowered, if the recruiting house is in some low locality, where recruiting premises have originally been hired on the score of cheapness.

Additional term of service.

12. In October, 1905, an additional term of service was tentatively approved for seven of those regiments of the Infantry of the Line which then had four battalions. This term was 2 years' Colour and 10 years' Reserve service. Recruiting was only opened for this term in the actual regimental district of the regiments concerned, except that, in the case of the Northumberland Fusiliers, the 68th Regimental Dis-

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trict, part of the double district, was also opened. Recruiting for 9 years' Colour service was conducted concurrently with that for 2 years' Colour service. The Recruits enlisted for 2 years' Colour service, after undergoing their ordinary depôt training, were posted to the 4th battalions of their regiments. Similarly, Recruits enlisted for 9 years were posted to the other battalion of the regiment which was serving at home.

This experiment was inaugurated in consequence of a decision of the late Government to proceed with the formation of a certain number of Short Service battalions. It was originally intended to take about 900 Short Service Recruits for these battalions, and then to close recruiting for Short Service and to complete the establishment by a sufficient number of Recruits enlisted for the longer term. As far as existing barrack accommodation permitted, these Short Service battalions were to be quartered in their territorial district.

Recruiting for the short term of service was suspended by Circular dated 20th December, 1905, and the Army Order authorising the new term of enlistment was cancelled in February, 1906.

To obtain information as to the popularity of this new term of service, returns were called for and an analysis made with a view of determining whether the new and shorter period of enlistment operated to the detriment of the longer term. The results are shown in the table given below:—

STATEMENT as to Recruits enlisted, in the undermentioned regiments, during the period that recruiting was open for 2 years with the Colours and 10 years with the Reserve. Comparing number taken for 2 and 10 years as against 9 and 3 years.

Regiments.	Total enlistments.	2 years with the Colours, and 10 years with the Reserve.					9 years with the Colours, and 3 years with the Reserve.				
		Enlisted from Militia.		Enlisted from civilians.	Total.	Percentage of 2 years' men on total enlistments.	Enlisted from Militia.		Enlisted from civilians.	Total.	Percentage of 9 years' men on total enlistments.
		On termination of drill on enlistment.	Otherwise.				On termination of drill on enlistment.	Otherwise.			
Northumberland Fusiliers, 5th R.D. ...	79	8	21	41	70	88·60	2	2	5	9	11·40
Royal Warwickshire, 6th R.D.	39	6	1	13	20	51·29	8	3	8	19	48·71
Royal Fusiliers, 7th R.D.	77	8	...	4	12	15·59	54	...	11	*65	84·41
Lancashire Fusiliers, 20th R.D.	50	10	14	19	43	86·00	...	2	5	7	14·00
Worcestershire, 29th R.D.	82	13	6	30	49	59·75	7	4	22	33	40·25
Middlesex, 57th R.D...	76	4	4	7	15	19·73	32	13	16	61	80·27
Manchester, 63rd R.D.	76	3	16	22	41	53·95	18	5	12	35	46·05
Totals	479	52	62	136	250	52·20	121	29	79	229	47·80

* Includes 17 enlisted in London Recruiting District.

Terms of service, alterations in.

13. In September, 1906, the following alterations were made in the terms of enlistment of the corps mentioned below:—

The Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery.—All enlistments, except of boys, to six years with the Colours and six years with the

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Reserve, instead of three years with the Colours and nine years with the Reserve.

Royal Garrison Artillery.—All enlistments, except of boys, to eight years with the Colours and four years with the Reserve, instead of nine years with the Colours and three years with the Reserve.

Infantry of the Line.—All enlistments, except of boys, to seven years with the Colours and five years with the Reserve, instead of nine years with the Colours and three years with the Reserve.

In all these cases, as had already been done as regards the Cavalry, the liability of the extra year's service, if abroad, was re-introduced.

The re-introduction of this liability is necessary for the following reason: The British Establishment, that is to say the numbers voted by Parliament, which must never be exceeded, is calculated on the basis of maintaining, in cadres at home, a certain number of old soldiers, and also the provision of drafts for units abroad. It was found that, since the abolition, of the liability of the soldier for an extra year's service if abroad, the home establishment was congested by the arrival at home of considerable numbers of soldiers who, owing to the incidence of the trooping season, had to be brought home with periods varying probably from one to five months still to serve. Since these men did not, as was formerly the case, pass at once, on arrival, to the Reserve, they remained in the ranks and blocked establishments thus preventing recruits being enlisted to meet future draft requirements.

Royal Army Medical Corps—

An additional term of service was approved in June last of one year with the Colours and 11 in the Army Reserve. The change was introduced to build up a further reserve for this corps.

R.H. and R.F.A.—

Alteration of standards of height.

14. A change has also been made in the standard of height for gunners of the Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery, the height being raised from 5 ft. 7 in. to 5 ft. 10 in., whereas formerly the maximum height was 5 ft. 9 in. Similarly the height for drivers of the Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery, which had formerly stopped at 5 ft. 6 in., was raised to 5 ft. 7 in.

R.G.A.—

In view of the reductions taking place in the Royal Garrison Artillery it became necessary to check the recruiting for that corps. A circular was therefore sent out in December, 1905, raising the standard of height of gunners for the Royal Garrison Artillery from 5 ft. 7 in. to 5 ft. 8 in.

R.E.—

An alteration has also been made in the standard of height for sappers of the Royal Engineers, in view of the reduction of the establishment of the corps, the height being raised, with the exception of men of a few trades, from 5 ft. 7 in. to 5 ft. 8 in.

Foot Guards—

Consequent on the abolition of the 3rd Battalion Scots Guards, and the reduction in establishment of the Irish Guards, the standard of

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height for Recruits for these two corps was raised to 5 ft. 9 in. and upwards for all Recruits. Hitherto the standard has been, if under 20 years of age, 5 ft. 7 in. and upwards; if over 20 years of age, 5 ft. 8 in.

Infantry of the Line—

It has been found possible to temporarily raise the standard of height for a few units of Infantry of the Line which were not in want of Recruits.

Cavalry—

Observations on recruiting for the several arms.

15. Recruiting for the Cavalry of the Line has been, generally speaking, in full force during the past year, and the figures in consequence show a large increase over those of the preceding year, when recruiting was partially restricted, namely: 3,666 as compared to 2,375.

R.H. and R.F.A.—

Recruiting for the Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery has been subject to modifications during the year, but the total enlisted has been more than a thousand higher than during the preceding twelve months. Recruiting for drivers has been stopped during the summer months of the current year.

R.G.A.—

The raising of the standard for recruits, for this arm, has resulted in less recruits being taken than in the preceding year, but, on the other hand, owing to the reductions of establishment, the numbers enlisted have sufficed.

R.A.—

A certain number of boys are enlisted for the purpose of being trained as Artificers at the Ordnance College, Woolwich. The training, which these boys undergo, is highly technical and of a very thorough nature. There is no difficulty, therefore, in obtaining the required number of boys to go through this course, as the value of the training is well understood. To obtain the best boys to qualify as Artificers, it has been decided that all such lads, before enlistment, should be required to pass a more or less severe educational test, to be carried out by the Army Schoolmaster nearest to the candidate's home. Examination papers are prepared by the Commandant, Ordnance College, and sent by him to the recruiting officer concerned, to make the arrangements with the local Army Schoolmaster for the boy's examination. The enlistment, or otherwise, of the boy, of course depends upon the result of the examination as well as on the lad's medical fitness.

R.E.—

Recruiting for the Royal Engineers has been satisfactory during the past year.

Foot Guards—

Recruiting for the Foot Guards shows a decrease over the numbers taken during the preceding year, but, as was to be expected, the high

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standard, at which Recruits are taken for the Scots and Irish Guards, is partly responsible for this diminution in numbers.

Each regiment of Foot Guards has now been allotted a definite number of appointments on the Permanent Staff of the Militia and Volunteers in the districts affiliated to it for recruiting purposes. The non-commissioned officers of the Guards, so employed, will be able to further the interests of their regiments and to secure for them the stamp of Recruit, that it is of importance they should obtain.

Infantry of the Line—

Recruiting for the Infantry of the Line shows a material decrease over the figures taken in the preceding year.

This decrease amounts to 1,396 men.

The decline was marked during the first six months of the year, but after that a considerable recovery took place, practically coinciding with the restriction of recruiting for drivers in mounted corps. Recruiting for the Northumberland Fusiliers, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, Lancashire Fusiliers, and Manchester Regiment, was entirely closed towards the end of July, consequent on the decision of the Government to abolish the 3rd and 4th battalions of each of these regiments.

Regimental depôts.

16. Approval has been given, to Officers Commanding battalions at home, to pay two visits in the year to their own regimental depôts. The object of this is to bring Commanding Officers into closer communication with regimental depôts, so that they can assure themselves as to the satisfactory working of the depôt staff, and assist in securing the efficiency thereof.

Reductions in establishments.

17. The reductions which have been completed up to the 30th September, 1906, are as follows:—

Royal Garrison Regiment—

The two remaining battalions have been disbanded under the same terms as were offered before. A little over 100 men now remain still serving.

The following Artillery units have been disbanded from the dates specified—

"B" Depôt, Royal Horse Artillery, 7th June, 1906.
No. 98 Co. Royal Garrison Artillery, 5th December, 1905.
" 103 " " " " 6th December, 1905.
" 92 " " " " 28th February, 1906.
" 58 " " " " 9th July, 1906.
Royal Artillery Regimental District Staff, 1st July, 1906.
St. Lucia Company, West India Battalion, Royal Garrison Artillery, 31st December, 1905.
No. 4 Co. Ceylon-Mauritius Battalion, Royal Garrison Artillery, 30th November, 1905.

The other reductions, which have taken place, are as follows:—

Royal Engineers, 7 units.
Royal Engineers (Natives), 3 units.
Royal Garrison Regiment, 2 battalions.
Chinese Regiment, reduction completed.

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Recruiting literature.

18. During the past year the pamphlets "The Advantages of the Army" and "The Advantages of the Militia," together with two other recruiting forms, have been withdrawn from Post Offices, and, by the courtesy of the Postal Authorities, leaflets have been substituted, setting forth in a clear way the rates of pay and the terms of Service. Changes are so constantly made, both in the terms of Service and in the soldier's pay, that a cheap leaflet of this nature is indispensable. These leaflets can then be easily reprinted, and the necessary alterations made, whereas the pamphlets, being more voluminous and containing other matter as well, are not so conveniently revised and re-issued.

19. The following table shows the number of Recruits, enlisted for Long Service, and the several terms of Short Service, since the commencement of 1902, and the arms of the Service which they joined.

Terms of Service.	1902.	First 9 months of 1903.	During 12 months ended 30.9.04.	During 12 months ended 30.9.05	During 12 months ended 30.9.06
12 years with the Colours ..	1,894	1,524	1,813	1,701	1,722
9 years with the Colours, and 3 years in the Reserve	..	..	..	20,316	17,710
8 years with the Colours, and 4 years in the Reserve	..	..	89	2,224	367
7 years with the Colours, and 5 years in the Reserve	9,917	..	..	110	6,769
6 years with the Colours, and 6 years in the Reserve	..	..	..	..	304
3 years with the Colours, and 9 years in the Reserve	38,942	27,556	38,550	10,240	7,473
2 years with the Colours, and 10 years in the Reserve	..	244	827	760	1,744
1 year with the Colours, and 11 years in the Reserve	..	..	..	..	321
1 year with the Colours, or for the war, should it last longer	10,573*	..	..	..	..
Re-enlisted { For one year ..	204†	..	..	139	1,266
Re-enlisted { A.O. 106 of 1900..	336‡	75‡	10‡		
Royal Garrison Regiment ..	2,250	1,121	561	..	..
Colonial Corps (various terms)..	924	506	792	473	689
Total	65,040	31,026	42,642	35,963	38,365

* Imperial Yeomanry and Volunteers, &c., enlisted for 1 year or the duration of the S.A. war.

† Imperial Yeomen re-enlisted for 1 year.

‡ Ex-soldiers, discharged on completion of 12 years' service, re-enlisted until attaining the age of 41, or until completing 21 years' total service, whichever happens first.

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Arms of the Service.	1902.	First 9 months of 1903.	During 12 months ended 30.9.04.	During 12 months ended 30.9.05.	During 12 months ended 30.9.06
Household Cavalry	149	50	114	131	172
Cavalry of the Line	6,189	358	491	2,380	3,672
Imperial Yeomanry (for the South African War)	7,239	..	..	..	..
Royal Artillery { Horse and Field ..	8,663	2,422	2,353	3,841	4,876
Royal Artillery { Garrison	3,499	2,922	3,845	2,422	1,765
Royal Engineers	1,745	765	1,112	651	1,130
Foot Guards	1,837	1,144	1,996	2,216	1,732
Infantry of the Line	29,038	20,163	29,750	22,243	21,886*
Royal Garrison Regiment ..	2,250	1,121	561	..	..
Colonial Corps	924	506	792	478	695
Army Service Corps	1,922	727	1,155	893	1,281
Army Ordnance Corps	337	131	175	120	221
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	1,208	717	298	573	874
Army Pay Corps	..	..	..	..	..
Army Post Office Corps	40	..	..	15	61
Total	65,040	31,026	42,642	35,963	38,365

* 1,112 of these were re-enlistments, principally from the Royal Garrison Regiment. The total number of re-enlisted soldiers was 1,266.

20. The following table shows the total number of Recruits joined (exclusive of those for Colonial Corps), the numbers taken under any of the standards, and the percentage under standard, during the twelve months ended 30th September, 1906, as compared with the previous four years :— **Recruits enlisted under standard.**

—	1902.* During first quarter.	1902.* During remaining quarters.	First 9 months of 1903.	Year ended 30.9.04.	Year ended 30.9.05.	Year ended 30.9.06.
Total Recruits joined ..	13,103†	37,650†	28,183	41,279	35,351	36,410
Number under any of the standards	3,943	4,297	1,722	531	220	460
Percentage under standard	30·1	11·4	6·1	1·2	0·60	1·26
	16·2					

* The table has been divided into two parts for 1902, owing to the introduction of a new system of medical examination, which commenced in the second quarter of the year, under which the number of men specially enlisted has considerably decreased.

† Excluding men specially raised during the war, and ex-soldiers re-enlisted under Army Order 106 of 1900.

It will be seen that there is a small increase in the percentage of the Recruits enlisted under standard. This increase is due to the fact that, when standards of individual corps are materially raised, Recruits who, by reason of their relations' service, have claims to enlist in any particular corps, are sometimes taken if conforming to the old standard, though slightly under the present one.

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Colonial Corps.

21. The effective strength of the several Colonial Corps between the 1st October, 1905, and the 1st October, 1906, together with the number of Recruits raised for each corps, is shown in the following table:—

Corps.	Establishments on 1st October, 1906.	Effectives (rank and file). On 1st October, 1905.	Effectives (rank and file). On 1st October, 1906.	Wanting or supernumerary on 1st October, 1906.	Increase or decrease during the 12 months ended 30.9.06.	Recruits raised during the 12 months ended 30.9.06.
West India Regiment—						
1st Battalion	860	1,083	842			
2nd "	1,060	704	918	— 52	— 66	286
Depôt	130	277	238			
Royal Artillery—						
West African Company ..	115	103	109	— 6	+ 6	16
West Indian Battalion: Sierra Leone Company	162	174	166	+ 4	— 8	—
West Indian Battalion: West India Company	120	175	141	+ 21	— 34	—
Hong Kong-Singapore Battalion, Royal Garrison Artillery	639	577	591	— 48	+ 14	44
Ceylon - Mauritius Battalion, Royal Garrison Artillery ..	273	346	300	+ 27	— 46	18
Royal Malta Artillery	455	440	411	— 44	— 29	25
Royal Engineers—						
Asiatic Companies*	—	145	—	—	—145	2
West India Company‡	—	54	—	—	— 54	—
Sierra Leone " ‡.. ..	—	19	—	—	— 19	—
36th Company, Sierra Leone ..	42	—	30	— 12	+ 30	12
40th " Hong Kong ..	54	—	59	+ 5	+ 59	1
Chinese Regiment*	—	507	—	—	—507	102
West African Regiment	1,000	993	987	— 13	— 6	183
Total	4,910	5,597	4,792	—118	—805	689†

* Disbanded.
† Exclusive of six re-enlisted men.
‡ Merged into 36th and 40th Companies, R.E.

Recruiting for the West India Regiment was stopped on the 10th September, 1906, owing to the prospective reduction of establishment of the corps.

Militiamen enlisting into the Regular Army.

22. The number of Militiamen who joined the Regular Forces during the year is given below. It will be observed that there is a slight increase over the number for the preceding year.

Corps which the men joined.	1902.	First 9 months of 1903.	12 months ended 30.9.04.	12 months ended 30.9.05.	12 months ended 30.9.06.
Regular Army	18,379	11,870	14,932	12,103	12,409
Royal Navy or Royal Marines ..	615	559	716	330	603
Total	18,994	12,429	15,648	12,433	13,012

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23. The number of Recruits raised, for the Regular Army and the Militia, by the various agencies during the past twelve months, and the number obtained in each recruiting area, for the Regular Army, during the past five years, will be found in Section II, p. 50. **Recruiting agencies.**

Section II, p. 42, shows the increase and decrease of each arm of the Service during the 12 months ended 30th September, 1906.

Section II, p. 44, shows the increase and decrease for the last ten years.

The number of Recruits raised, by the Serjeant Instructors of Volunteers and the Permanent Staff of the Imperial Yeomanry, for the year ended 30th September, 1906, is: Army, 3,551; Militia, 2,486—as compared to Army, 3,849; Militia, 2,494 for the year ended 30th September, 1905. The Permanent Staff of the Imperial Yeomanry have not been successful in raising Recruits for the Regular Army.

24. The number of men who were discharged as invalids, in their first and second year of service, during the period 1899 to 1906, and the proportion of such invalids to the effective strength, will be seen from the annexed table; the results show a diminution:— **Discharges as invalids.**

Year.	Number of men under two years' service on 1st January or 1st October in each year.			Invalids discharged during the year under two years' service.			Proportion of invalids per 1,000 effective under two years' service.	
	Under one year.	From one to two years.	Total.	Under one year.	From one to two years.	Total.	Under one year.	From one to two years.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1st Jan., 1899	36,248	26,629	62,877	549	454	1,003	15	17
„ *1900*	*Figures*	*not avai*	*lable.*	*944*	*570*	*1,514**	*Figures not available.*	
„ *1901*		*Ditto.*		*1,795*	*2,030*	*3,825**	*Ditto.*	
„ *1902*		*Ditto.*		*1,214*	*1,040*	*2,254**	*Ditto.*	
„ 1903	44,994	31,996	76,990	671	741	1,415	14	23
1st Oct., 1903	41,288	36,337	77,625	769	818	1,587	18	22
„ 1904	36,967	34,273	71,240	787	552	1,339	21	16
„ 1905	31,750	34,609	66,369	558	410	968	17	12

* Exclusive of men of Imperial Yeomanry, Volunteers, and Irregular Corps raised specially for the war in South Africa, as well as those of the ordinary Colonial Corps. The figures for 1st October, 1903, 1904, and 1905, Columns 2, 3, and 4, are exclusive of men of the Royal Garrison Regiment.

25. The following table, furnished by the Army Medical Department, shows the number of ordinary Recruits who presented themselves for medical examination since 1902, the number of those who were rejected, including those discharged within three months of enlistment, and the percentage of rejections:— **Numbers medically inspected and rejected.**

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	1902.	First 9 months of 1903.	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.	1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905.	1st Oct., 1905, to 30th Sept., 1906.
Numbers medically inspected ..	87,609	50,640	71,699	65,752	65,128
Numbers rejected—					
For various ailments	19,674	12,541	18,816	19,182	16,941
For want of physical development	8,547	4,588	5,842	5,616	4,982
Total rejected ..	28,221	17,129	24,658	24,798	21,923
Percentage of rejections—					
For various ailments	22·46	24·77	26·24	29·17	26·01
For want of physical development	9·76	9·06	8·15	8·54	7·65
Total percentage of rejections ..	32·22	33·83	34·39*	37·71*	33·66*

* This percentage does not include the numbers rejected on physical grounds or for failure to reach the required standard by recruiters or recruiting officers.

It will be noticed that the percentage of rejections, on medical grounds, is decidedly less than in the preceding year, though still higher than in former years. The diminution has been steadily maintained in each quarter of the year, being most noticeable in the 3rd quarter. The figures showing the percentage of rejections are as follows:—

	1905.	1906.
1st quarter	34·02	32·24
2nd ,, ...	36·75	34·52
3rd ,, ...	41·19	31·35
4th ,, ...	33·88	30·72

Educational qualifications.

26. An alteration has been made in the system, under which the educational qualifications of Recruits is now recorded; hitherto these qualifications have been assessed from statistics compiled by the medical officers, who have examined Recruits on enlistment. This examination, especially at stations where a large number of Recruits are taken, was necessarily of a perfunctory character, and therefore gave no real index to the educational qualification of Recruits on enlistment, as compared with the standards prevailing throughout the country. The statistics as regards the educational qualifications of Recruits have been for the current year, and will be in future, compiled from the results of the examination of recruits in Army Schools.

Occupations of Recruits.

27. The occupations of the Recruits medically inspected during the past year are shown on pages 64–69. The trades have, as far as possible, been divided into Indoor and Outdoor as well as into Skilled and Unskilled. The number of boys examined, and the numb medically rejected is also shown.

Extensions of service of men enlisted for three years with the Colours.

28. The following tables show—

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. —The Recruits enlisted for three years' Colour service during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1903, and the number of such Recruits who extended their service :—

Corps.	No. of Recruits enlisted for three years during the twelve months ended 30th September, 1903.	Became non-effective before completing three years' service (including conversions of service).	Completed three years' Colour service.				Percentage of extensions, to men who completed three years' Colour service.
			Serving abroad or transferred to other corps.	Serving after having lost service through desertion.	Transferred to Army Reserve.	Extended their service.	
Cavalry of the Line ..	1,173	349	82	5	354	383	46·48
Royal Artillery { R.H. and R.F.A...	4,616	1,291	140	54	1,365	1,766	53·11
Royal Artillery { R.G.A. ..	3,810	1,082	102	34	1,342	1,250	45·82
Royal Engineers ..	1,089	179	23	1	337	549	60·33
Grenadier Guards ..	508	149	12	5	227	115	32·03
Coldstream Guards ..	313	83	..	..	139	91	39·56
Scots Guards	372	138	6	5	82	141	60·25
Irish Guards	322	121	3	3	136	59	29·35
Infantry of the Line..	27,354	7,463	1,229	459	10,935	7,268	36·53
Army Service Corps ..	770	179	14	2	313	262	44·33
Army Ordnance Corps	133	35	7	1	40	50	51·02
Royal Army Medical Corps	914	215	106	4	178	411	58·79
Total	41,374	11,284	1,724	573	15,448	12,345	41·02
			30,090				

B.—The percentage of extensions of men who completed their three years' Colour service during the years shown.

Corps.	1897.	1898.	1901.†	1902.	First 9 months of 1903.	12 months ended 30th Sept., 1904.	12 months ended 30th Sept., 1905.	12 months ended 30th Sept., 1906.
Cavalry	*	*	*	*	*	*	35·9	46·48
Royal Artillery { R.H. and R.F.A. R.G. A }	*	*	*	*	*	*	42·4	{ 53·11 45·82
Royal Engineers ..	47·2	38·2	8·4	15·7	20·1	23·7	62·1	60·33
Grenadier Guards ..	28·4	23·8	12·5	9·9	6·3	18·4	19·0	32·03
Coldstream Guards ..	20·8	19·1	18·0	8·4	4·0	8·4	16·8	39·56
Scots Guards	44·0	37·5	34·3	31·6	30·0	35·7	36·6	60·25
Irish Guards	*	*	*	..	30·7	26·4	19·3	29·35
Infantry of the Line ..	*	*	*	13·6	12·1	20·7	31·6	36·53
Army Service Corps ..	47·9	50·9	5·4	31·2	35·2	36·4	48·7	44·33
Army Ordnance Corps ..	*	*	*	*	*	*	56·3	51·02
Royal Army Medical Corps.	51·8	53·7	4·2	4·2	16·0	67·3	62·9	58·79
General percentage ..	39·2	36·7	15·2	16·6	17·8	26·7	36·4	41·02

* No man completed 3 years. † No man permitted to transfer to Army Reserve on completion of three years' service during 1899-1900.

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Extensions of service.

The percentage of extensions does not in all cases represent the actual number of men who would have extended their service had they been permitted to do so. In corps, for example, where there has been an excess of establishment, owing to impending reductions, the conditions qualifying for extension have been materially raised. In other cases, where corps require to build up a large reserve, restrictions are imposed to prevent men extending in too great numbers, though it is a question whether these restrictions are even now sufficiently carried out, and whether in such Short Service corps as the A.S.C., A.O.C., and R.A.M.C., too many men are not allowed to extend, especially in view of the fact that the draft requirements of these corps are small.

Periods at which extensions of service take place.

The analysis given below is interesting as showing the time at which soldiers enlisted for Short Service elected to extend their service and thereby become qualified to draw service pay.

RETURN showing the percentage of non-commissioned officers and men, Infantry of the Line (enlisted since 31st March, 1902, for three years' Colour Service), who were serving on the first day of the month in which their third year of service expires:—

Month and Year of enlistment.	Number enlisted.	Per cent. to number enlisted of those men transferred to Army Reserve or discharged before completing 3 years' Colour service.	Per cent. to number enlisted of those transferred to Army Reserve on completing their 3 years' Colour service.	Per cent. to number of men enlisted who extended their service.	Per cent. to number enlisted of those men who extended their service in their following year of service.		
				Total.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
October 1902	2,904	50·86	11·81	23·86	3·47	9·16	11·22
November, „	2,728	48·57	14·66	23·16	3·41	8·83	10·92
December, „	2,341	34·51	17·21	25·58	4·27	7·56	13·75
January, 1903	2,599	44·90	15·39	23·11	4·16	6·70	12·25
February „	2,718	37·52	22·29	25·68	3·67	6·65	15·34
March „	2,037	39·07	25·62	26·21	3·48	7·07	15·66
April „	1,499	39·42	29·82	26·55	3·80	7·93	14·80
May „	1,262	35·73	35·26	27·65	3·16	9·03	15·45
June „	1,523	20·87	45·83	31·91	4·53	8·47	18·91
July „	2,151	27·84	42·25	28·64	2·74	8·74	17·20
August „	2,384	28·31	35·52	30·11	4·36	9·94	15·81
September „	2,208	25·09	30·61	32·24	3·44	10·41	18·38

Desertion.

29. The number of men who deserted, and of those who rejoined from desertion, during the past five years is given below:—

Year.	Total desertions.	Number re-joined from desertion.	Net waste by desertion.	Recruits joined.*	Percentage of net waste to Recruits joined.
1902	7,162	2,851	4,311	50,753	8·5
First 9 months of 1903	4,653	2,241	2,412	29,324	8·2
12 months ended 30th Sept., 1904.	3,959	2,673	1,286	42,071	3·0
12 months ended 30th Sept., 1905.	3,082	2,189	893	35,824	2·5
12 months ended 30th Sept., 1906.	2,979	1,725	1,254	37,099	3·4

* Excluding men specially raised during the war and ex-soldiers re-enlisted under A.O. 106 of 1900, and A.O. 35 of 1903, but including Colonial Corps.

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II.—Army Reserve.

30. The strength of the Army Reserve shows a large increase over the numbers on the 1st of October, 1905, and compared with the 1st October, 1904, the difference is very marked. The full effect of the system of three years' enlistments which commenced in 1902, and which has since been discontinued, is now being realised. It has resulted in large numbers of men passing to the Reserve on the expiration of their Colour service, and in addition these numbers are swelled by the premature passage to the Reserve of men of those corps in which reductions of establishment have taken place and conversions of service have been permitted. Strength of Army Reserve.

31. The following tables, A and B, show the strength of the Army Reserve, the numbers belonging to the various arms of the Service, and to each section of the Reserve:—

A	Arms of the Service.												
Date.	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry.	Royal Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	Colonial Corps.	Total strength.
1st Jan., 1902	...	285	927	243	237	342	206	8	5	42	1	102	2,398
,, 1903	...	2,028	4,881	1,559	3,904	18,656	1,278	328	55	43	8	125	32,865
1st Oct., 1903	...	5,599	7,841	2,657	5,790	40,403	2,488	1,095	130	198	17	253	66,471
,, 1904	17	5,773	8,895	2,996	6,281	45,885	3,093	1,280	127	237	17	339	74,940
,, 1905	40	7,298	11,881	3,591	6,874	59,269	3,471	1,441	215	242	20	428	94,770
,, 1906	51	7,464	15,192	4,052	7,488	69,924	3,998	1,589	272	130	*	436	110,596

* Omitted.

B			Sections of the Army Reserve.				
Date.	Numbers provided for in Army Estimates as probable maximum.	Volunteers.	Section A.	Section B.	Section C*.	Section D.	Total strength.
1st Jan., 1902 ..	80,000	1	..	933	233	1,231	2,398
,, 1903 ..	70,000	..	328	28,759	697	3,081	32,865
1st Oct., 1903 ..	70,000	..	2,921	55,165	1,741	6,644	66,471
,, 1904 ..	80,000	..	2,564	62,190	.. *	10,186	74,940
,, 1905 ..	104,000	..	4,133	75,257	..	15,380	94,770
,, 1906 ..	122,000	..	3,677	87,943	..	18,976	110,596

* Section C has been merged into Section B.

32. The number of men transferred, from the Colours to the Reserve, on completing their Colour service, and of those permitted to convert their service, that is, to pass prematurely to the Reserve before the completion of their Colour service, is as given below:— Transfer from the Colours.

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Year.	On completion of Colour service (Sections A and B).	Before completing Colour service (Sections B and C).	Relegated to the Reserve, having re-enlisted irregularly.	Total.
1902	18,781	355	137	19,273
First 9 months of 1903 ..	26,340	1,412	54	27,806
12 months ended 30th Sept., 1904	15,205	1,956	66	17,227
12 months ended 30th Sept., 1905	17,266	9,026	42	26,335
12 months ended 30th Sept., 1906	23,777	1,438	55	25,270

Suspension of enlistments into Section D

33. In consequence of the large number of men in the Reserve, enlistments in, and re-engagements for, Section D of the Army Reserve were suspended from the 1st of July, 1906. This suspension did not affect the re-engagement of men in Section D for further periods, who form the supplemental reserve of tradesmen, and who are allowed to continue in Section D up to 50 years of age.

Full details as to the increase and decrease of the Reserve for the last ten years are given in Section II, p. 110.

III.—Militia and Imperial Yeomanry.

Recruiting for the Militia.

34. As already stated, the number of Recruits obtained for the Militia shows a decrease of 1,209 over the previous year, and the strength of the force has diminished in the same period from 85,814 to 83,720. This continued reduction may partly be ascribed to the higher standard for Militia Recruits, which came into force in November, 1904, but it is probably owing, also, to the future of the Militia being still undetermined, and, in addition, to the fact that the older militiamen do not remain in the force as long as formerly.

Reports on the Recruits enlisted into the Militia are generally satisfactory, though, as was to be expected, the physique is lower than that for the Regular Army, but it rapidly improves after enlistment. The character and education of the Recruits is favourably reported on.

Extended training in certain battalions.

35. An experiment has been made, in the case of 20 battalions, by extending the period of training for Recruits in these units to a period of 6 months, instead of 49 days on enlistment. Certain battalions which are accustomed to conduct Recruits' drill immediately before the Annual Training, were allowed, if they desired, to apply the same principle to the 6 months' preliminary drill. Recruits who have not completed 6 months' training, prior to the date of the Annual Training, may be permitted to continue this training, as Recruits, with the headquarters of their battalion. Recruits will be required to attend the Annual Training, if it commences more than 3 months after the completion of the preliminary training, otherwise, attendance at the Annual Training is optional. Funds have been taken to provide for billeting Recruits, who cannot be accommodated in barracks, and they are also

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permitted to live at their own homes and draw lodging allowance. As the experiment has only just commenced, it is premature to form any opinion as to the result. Careful statistics are being kept in order to determine: whether this system is more popular than that of drilling for 49 days only on enlistment, whether Recruits are being diverted from the other Militia battalions of the units concerned, and also what effect the experiment will ultimately have on recruiting for the Regular Army. Enlistment into the Regular Army from these battalions must undoubtedly diminish in the first instance, as Recruits are not permitted to enlist until they have completed one Annual Training.

36. Four additional companies have been added to the Royal Army Medical Corps Militia, in consequence of which a re-allotment of the several recruiting areas for the corps has taken place. Royal Army Medical Corps Militia.

37. Recruiting for the Royal Engineer Submarine Mining Militia has been entirely suspended, owing to the abolition of this branch of the Militia.

The future of the Royal Garrison Artillery Militia is still uncertain, and recruiting for some of the units in Ireland remains closed.

A few enlistments still take place, for the Reserve Division of the Militia, from the men of the Royal Garrison Regiment, who have the right to pass into this Reserve.

38. Two Militia battalions have carried out regimental marches within their recruiting area during the past year, with a view of stimulating recruiting. The battalions in question are the 4th Durham Light Infantry and the 5th Battalion Royal Irish Rifles. Militia marches.

Militia.

39. Tables are given herewith showing (*a*) the strength of the Militia on the 1st October as compared with the ordinary establishment during the last four years, and also the actual strength of each arm of the Militia on the 1st of October, 1906, as compared with the establishment:— Strength of Militia.

(*a*)

Date.	Non-commissioned officers and men (exclusive of the Permanent Staff).				
	Effective strength.	Establishment.	Wanting to complete.	Increase or decrease in the effective strength during the preceding 12 or 9 months.	
				Increase.	Decrease.
1st January, 1903 ..	102,420	123,016	20,596	..	425
1st October, 1903 ..	89,743	123,510	33,767	..	12,677
,, 1904 ..	86,491	123,510	37,019	..	3,252
,, 1905 ..	85,814	123,086	37,272	..	677
,, 1906 ..	83,720	123,478	39,758	..	2,094

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(*b*)

Arm of the Militia.	Non-commissioned officers and men (exclusive of the Permanent Staff).		
	Effective strength.	Establishment.	Wanting to complete.
Royal Field Artillery	231	297	66
Royal Garrison Artillery	12,428	17,376	4,948
Royal Engineers	2,063	2,331	268
Infantry	68,001	101,908	33,907
Royal Army Medical Corps	997	1,566	569
Total	83,720	123,478	39,758

Recruits enlisted and their distribution.

40. The following table shows the number of Recruits joined during the past four years and nine months, classified according to distribution and arms of the Service. It will be remembered that recruiting for some Royal Garrison Artillery Militia units has been stopped for several years:—

		1902.	First 9 months of 1903.	12 months ended 30th Sept., 1904.	12 months ended 30th Sept., 1905.	12 months ended 30th Sept., 1906.
English Militia		32,363	20,148	27,002	22,015	21,422
Scotch ,, ...		4,451	2,138	3,605	3,041	3,027
Irish ,, ...		4,672	3,488	4,657	4,885	4,283
Total		41,486	25,774	35,264	29,941	28,732
Arms: Royal Artillery Militia	Field ..	95	150	199	110	97
	Garrison	4,666	3,527	4,617	3,713	2,929
Royal Engineer Militia		661	824	716	921	526
Infantry Militia ..		35,560	20,985	29,165	24,552	24,201
Royal Army Medical Corps		504	288	567	635	979
Total		41,486	25,774	35,264	29,941	28,732

Aggregate strength and distribution.

41. The aggregate strength of the Militia by arms and distribution is as follows:—

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Serving on the	English.	Scotch.	Irish.	Total.	Arms.				
					Royal Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Total.
1st Jan., 1902	72,764	11,182	18,899	102,845	14,382	1,959	85,936	568	102,845
„ 1903	72,694	11,481	18,245	102,420	13,878	1,969	85,741	832	102,420
1st Oct., 1903	62,455	10,210	17,078	89,743	13,310	2,049	73,643	741	89,743
„ 1904	59,287	10,048	17,156	86,491	13,352	2,020	70,421	698	86,491
„ 1905	57,601	10,238	17,975	85,814	13,254	2,154	69,629	777	85,814
„ 1906	54,914	10,239	18,567	83,720	12,559	2,063	68,001	997	83,720

Detailed information as to the increase and decrease of the Militia is contained in Section II, p. 119. **Increase and decrease of Militia.**

42. The number of re-enlisted or re-engaged Militiamen, on the date shown, is as stated in the following table. It will be noticed that the number of Militiamen serving, who have re-engaged, shows a decided increase. **Re-enlistments and re-engagements.**

Serving on the	Re-engaged militiamen.	Re-enlisted militiamen.	Discharged soldiers.	Total.	Percentage on the strength.
1st January, 1903 ..	17,712	5,976	4,413	28,101	27·4
1st October, 1903 ..	13,724	7,450	4,255	25,429	28·3
„ 1904 ..	9,857	8,282	4,554	22,693	26·2
„ 1905 ..	9,531	9,333	5,005	23,869	27·9
„ 1906 ..	10,638	9,337	5,436	25,411	30·34

43. The loss caused by desertion, during the last four years and nine months, and the percentage of such loss to the effective strength, is shown in the following table. It will be observed that the net loss by desertion continues to show a slight decrease:— **Desertion.**

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Year.	Average strength during period.	Struck off as deserters and absentees.	Rejoined from desertion.	Net loss by desertion.	Percentage to average strength. Net loss by desertion.
1902	104,633	10,453	1,224	9,229	8·8
9 months ended 30th Sept., 1903	98,706	9,435	1,013	8,422	8·5
12 months ended 30th Sept., 1904	91,041	6,704	1,160	5,544	6·1
12 months ended 30th Sept., 1905	88,950	4,999	1,053	3,946	4·4
12 months ended 30th Sept., 1906	86,830	4,402	707	3,695	4·3

Reserve Division of the Militia.

The Reserve Division of the Militia consists of 7783 men, of whom 5879 are English, 995 Scotch, and 909 Irish.

Imperial Yeomanry.

44. The Imperial Yeomanry on the 1st October, 1906, was 2,016 under establishment, thus showing a slight gain during the current year. The number of Recruits joined amounted to 5,952, as compared with 4,060 for the preceding 12 months. This satisfactory result would tend to show the increasing popularity of the force.

It was represented that a certain number of Imperial Yeomen who had been enrolled before the passing of the Militia Act of 1901, and whose term of service was practically unlimited, would agree to come under the Act of 1901, if allowed to engage for one year at a time only. As it is desirable that all yeomen should be serving under the same conditions and liabilities, permission was given that enrolments of old yeomen might be for one year at a time only. Such short enlistments do not, of course, prevent the men from re-engaging for further periods.

Strength and establishment of Imperial Yeomanry.

45. The following table shows the enrolled strength and establishment of the Imperial Yeomanry, the number, supernumerary or required to complete, on the 1st October, 1906, and the number who joined during the past twelve months:—

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Regiments.	Headquarters.	Establishment.	Strength.	Wanting to complete.	Supernumerary.	Recruits joined during past 12 months.
Ayrshire	Ayr	444	386	58	..	91
Bedfordshire	Bedford ..	444	391	53	..	65
Berks	Reading ..	444	411	33	..	105
Buckinghamshire	Buckingham ..	444	444	..	..	128
Cheshire	Chester	444	385	59	..	117
Denbighshire	Denbigh ..	444	401	43	..	118
Derbyshire	Derby	444	407	37	..	131
Devon, Royal 1st	Exeter	444	432	12	..	99
„ Royal North	Barnstaple ..	444	420	24	..	97
Dorset	Sherborne ..	444	336	108	..	90
Essex	Colchester ..	444	442	2	..	97
Fifeshire and Forfarshire ..	Cupar	444	413	31	..	127
Glamorganshire	Bridgend ..	444	435	9	..	139
Gloucestershire	Gloucester ..	444	400	44	..	92
Hampshire	Winchester ..	444	408	36	..	104
Herts	St. Albans ..	444	343	101	..	70
Ireland, North of	Belfast	444	403	41	..	101
„ South of	Limerick ..	444	441	3	..	168
Kent, Royal East	Canterbury ..	444	429	15	..	74
„ West	Maidstone ..	444	323	121	..	97
King's Colonials	London	444	418	26	..	160
Lanarkshire	Lanark	444	400	44	..	67
„ (Royal Glasgow)	Glasgow ..	444	396	48	..	155
Lancaster's Own, Duke of ..	Manchester ..	444	423	21	..	124
Lancashire Hussars	Liverpool ..	444	429	15	..	114
Leicestershire	Leicester ..	444	427	17	..	80
Lincolnshire	Lincoln	444	402	42	..	73
London, City of	London	444	445	..	1	197
„ County of, 2nd ..	„	444	404	40	..	68
„ „ 3rd ..	„	444	433	11	..	125
Lothians and Berwickshire ..	Dunbar	444	412	32	..	37
Lovat's Scouts	Beauly, N.B. ..	888	867	21	..	247
Middlesex	London	444	393	51	..	134
Montgomeryshire	Welshpool ..	444	440	4	..	106
Norfolk	Norwich ..	444	385	59	..	97
Northamptonshire	Northampton ..	444	357	87	..	53
Northumberland	Newcastle-on-Tyne	444	443	1	..	84
Nottinghamshire (Sherwood Rangers)	Retford	444	390	54	..	65
Nottinghamshire (South Nottinghamshire Hussars)	Nottingham ..	444	413	31	..	91
Oxfordshire	Oxford	444	377	67	..	87
Pembroke	Tenby	444	447	..	3	97
Scottish Horse	Dunkeld ..	888	856	32	..	220
Shropshire	Shrewsbury ..	444	433	11	..	126
Somerset, North	Bath	444	395	49	..	63
„ West	Taunton ..	444	426	18	..	84
Staffordshire	Lichfield ..	444	408	36	..	104
Suffolk	Bury St. Edmunds	444	379	65	..	98
Surrey	London	444	434	10	..	121
Sussex	Brighton ..	444	384	60	..	29
Warwickshire	Warwick ..	444	423	21	..	54
Westmoreland and Cumberland	Penrith	444	381	63	..	84

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Regiments.	Headquarters.	Establishment.	Strength.	Wanting to complete.	Supernumerary.	Recruits joined during past 12 months.
Wiltshire, Royal	Chippenham ..	444	410	34	..	147
Worcestershire	Worcester ..	444	418	26	..	102
Yorkshire Hussars	York	444	413	31	..	99
„ Dragoons	Doncaster ..	444	426	18	..	131
„ East Riding of ..	Beverley ..	444	399	45	..	119
	Total.. ..	25,752	23,736	2,020	4	5,952
				2,016		

Increase and decrease.

46. The subjoined table shows the increase and decrease in the Imperial Yeomanry during the year ended 30th September, 1906:—

	Totals.
Strength on 1st October, 1905	23,587
INCREASE—	
Recruits joined	5,952
Re-enlisted	106
Joined from desertion	4
Other causes	16
Total increase	6,078
DECREASE—	
Died	68
Discharged: On termination of engagement	4,602
Discharged: As invalids	83
Discharged: Recruits rejected after attestation	5
Discharged: Mis-statement as to age	20
Discharged: By purchase	638
Discharged: On conviction of felony..	7
Discharged: For misconduct other than felony	27
Discharged: Other causes	33
Deserters struck off	313
Joined: Regular Army	111
Joined: Royal Navy or Royal Marines	3
Other causes	19
Total decrease	5,929
Net increase	149
Strength on 1st October, 1906..	23,736

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IV.—Civil Employment.

47. A Committee, of which Sir E. Ward was Chairman, was appointed during the past year to consider the question of civil employment for Army Reserve men and discharged soldiers, and also, whether the work of the Societies, dealing with this important question, could be improved, and whether better results could be obtained by the amalgamation of the several Societies. A considerable amount of evidence was taken by the Committee, both from members of the Societies themselves, employers of labour, and from military sources. A valuable report has been presented dealing with the whole subject, the principles of which have been generally approved by the Army Council. The Committee reported in favour of amalgamating the several voluntary Societies, thus saving the multiplication of staff, and promoting economy in administration. The report of the Committee has been for some time under the consideration of the Government, and it is hoped that steps will be taken to give effect to its recommendations. Among other questions, dealt with by the Committee, was that of the character given to soldiers on leaving the ranks, and it was suggested that more information should be given in soldiers' character certificates, and thus enable civilian employers to form a better idea of the qualifications of a soldier for civil employment. This question is under consideration, and proofs of an amended certificate are being circulated for discussion. In view of the recommendations made, circulars have been sent round to General Officers Commanding-in-Chief, requesting them to consider the best means of rendering the soldier, while serving, more fitted to take his place in civil life when passed to the Reserve or discharged. It is hoped that it may be possible to teach soldiers certain trades, during their military service, although it is fully recognised that the opportunities for such instruction vary at different stations. General remarks.

48. To enable soldiers, about to be transferred to the Reserve or discharged, to obtain information as to the state of the Labour Market in the towns where they were contemplating taking up their residence, a circular was issued, towards the end of 1905, directing General Officers Commanding at Home and Abroad to issue instructions to Officers in charge of Records to forward monthly to the several units, with which they are connected, a statement showing the condition of the Labour Market in the different centres in their areas. In addition, these officers were directed to furnish information as to the number of ex-soldiers who had already registered their names, as seeking employment, and to state what prospects exist of providing this number with employment, and whether there is reasonable hope of other men finding employment in the district. Condition of labour market.

49. The War Office and the Post Office have had considerable correspondence during the past year on the subject of civil employment for ex-soldiers. Among other questions, which have been considered, was a suggestion that there were opportunities of employing a few military telegraphists temporarily in the Central Telegraph Office at St. Martin's-le-Grand, in London. It was proposed that a number of qualified soldiers, preferably in their last year of service, should be lent to the Post Office, during the pressure of work, which is always heavy at certain seasons of the year. The men, of course, would have to be competent operators, and, in addition to their regimental pay, would draw a special allowance from the Post Office. The names of candidates were called for, and about 30 were submitted to the General General Post Office and Telegraphists.

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Post Office. It was thought that the temporary employment of these men might be of benefit both to the War Office and the Post Office, since the latter would be able to avail itself of their help, during pressure of work, while the experience afforded to the men might lead to their permanent appointment as telegraphists. It was subsequently ascertained that, owing to the late period at which the suggestion was made, the season was too far advanced to make it practicable to make use of the men's services last summer. It is, however, proposed to initiate the experiment next summer, and, in the meantime, the Post Office has arranged to offer immediate employment to about 12 of the 30 soldiers whose names were submitted. These men will be placed on duty as probationary telegraphists and, if they prove satisfactory, will be appointed to established posts as telegraphists, as vacancies occur, probably after about 12 months' probationary service. Such appointments will necessarily depend on the efficiency of the probationer; the pay offered to probationers is 24*s.* a week, but, on appointment, the salary would probably be somewhat higher.

Civil Employment Pamphlet.

50. The issue of the revised pamphlet on civil employment, and the mode of applying for the same, has been somewhat delayed owing to the appointment of Sir Edward Ward's Committee, as it was hoped to embody some of the changes made in the revised edition.

Voluntary Employment Societies.

National Association for the Employment of Reserve and Discharged Soldiers.

51. Of the several institutions in existence, for providing ex-soldiers with civil employment, the National Association is the most important and produces the largest results. During the past twelve months the head office in London found employment for 1,661 ex-soldiers, as against 1,680 during the previous year. In addition to this number, temporary employment was found for 702 men. It is evident that the provision of work for these large numbers necessitates considerable energy on the part of the staff of the Society.

Branches National Association.

As a retired officer had been specially appointed to conduct recruiting in the town of Dundee, it was considered advisable to decentralize the work of civil employment, in Dundee itself, from the Regimental District Headquarters, and to place it under the recruiting officer. A separate branch of the National Association has therefore been formed and opened at Dundee.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society.

52. The work performed by the Incorporated Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society, in obtaining employment for ex-soldiers, has also been satisfactory.

The Headquarter Office at 122, Brompton Road, S.W., found employment during the past year for 902 men, who left the service with characters not less than good. The number above mentioned refers only to the Headquarter Office. The Society has many branches throughout the Kingdom, but their returns are not available.

Army and Navy Pensioners' Society.

53. The Army and Navy Pensioners' Employment Society has procured situations of a permanent nature for 835 ex-soldiers, and temporary employment for 2,120.

Guards Employment Society.

54. The Guards Employment Society has found situations for 145 men.

Clerks, War Office.

55. During the past twelve months three vacancies as clerks in the War Office have been given to ex-soldiers. The number employed

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on the 30th September, 1906, was 229, of which number 15 are employed at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

56. Seven ex-soldiers have been appointed, during the past year, in the Subordinate Section of the Army Accounts Department, as writers. There are 83 ex-soldiers at present employed in this department. Army Accounts Department.

57. The number of situations under the Council, filled by ex-soldiers, during the twelve months ended 30th September, 1906, shows a diminution, namely, 168, as compared with 205 during the preceding period. In addition to this number, temporary employment was given to 24 ex-soldiers. London County Council.

58. During the past twelve months 10 places were filled by ex-soldiers, as Customs Watchers, out of 35 vacancies which occurred. The percentage of vacancies filled by ex-soldiers is considerably less this year than in the preceding year, when no fewer than 44 out of 88 vacancies were filled by ex-soldiers. Preference is given to Pensioners over Army Reservists in filling this class of appointment. Customs watchers.

59. Seven vacancies for Park Keepers occurred in London during the year, all of which were filled by ex-soldiers. In addition to Park Keepers, employment under the Office of Works was given to 45 ex-soldiers. Park-keepers.

60. The following table shows (i) the number of vacancies which occurred in the Prisons Service in the periods shown; and (ii) the number of such vacancies filled by ex-soldiers:— Prison warders, &c.

Prisons Service of—	Number of vacancies in, during 12 months ended 30th September—			Number of ex-soldiers appointed in, during 12 months ended 30th September—		
	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.
England and Wales ..	249	162	153	123	90	61
Scotland	31	20	28	9	6	9
Ireland	30	29	32	3	5	7
Total	310	211	213	135	101	77

61. Vacancies for 24 Messengers were filled by Pensioners, from the War Office list, during the past year:— Pensioner messengers.

Name of Government Department.	Number of vacancies as Messengers filled through War Office Register.
War Office	15
Board of Education	2
Board of Trade	3
Irish Land Commission	1
Customs	2
Exchequer and Audit Department	1
Total	24

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It will be noticed that, outside the War Office, 9 vacancies for Pensioner Messengers in other Government offices have been filled from the War Office list. It is not known, in this Office, what vacancies actually occurred in other departments, for Messengers or other situations, which could have been filled by Pensioner candidates, but the War Office list is a long one, and many more vacancies could have been filled had the opportunity been afforded. In the absence of information, it is of course possible that other departments, in which vacancies occurred, may have filled them by ex-soldiers.

War Office Departments.

62. The number of ex-soldiers, to whom employment in departments under the War Office was given during the period shown, and the total number of ex-soldiers in such employment is stated in the subjoined table:—

Name of Department.	Number of ex-soldiers to whom employment was given during 12 months ended 30th September—			Total number of ex-soldiers employed on 30th September—		
	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Royal Army Clothing Department and Factory	3	4	5	431	387	367
Works and Fortifications Department	56	8	24	513	421	445
Ordnance Factories ..	327	251	99	2,141	1,903	1,654
Barrack Wardens, Barrack Labourers, &c.	400	425	406	1,053	1,108	1,034
Army Ordnance Department	641	362	326	2,620	2,458	2,439
Total	1,427	1,050	860	6,758	6,277	5,939

It will be observed that there is a considerable decrease, in the numbers employed, and in the number of ex-soldiers to whom employment has been given. The decrease is shown by the table to have mainly occurred in the Ordnance Factories, and is, of course, due to the reduction in establishments which have taken place there.

Police Employment.

Police employment.

63. The following table gives the number of vacancies which occurred in the Police Forces of the United Kingdom during the periods shown, and the number of such vacancies which fell to ex-soldiers during those periods:—

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Police Force.	Number of vacancies filled during 12 months ended 30th September—			Number of such vacancies given to ex-soldiers during 12 months ended 30th September—		
	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.
London City Police	44	44	30	13	16	10
London Metropolitan Police	1,023	1,264	1,376	233	184	162
Borough and County Police, England and Wales	2,176	2,183	1,855	581	499	412
Scottish Police	606	480	554	87	51	35
Dublin Metropolitan Police	70	63	55	1	2	*Nil.*
Royal Irish Constabulary	26	50	631	*Nil.**	5	16
Total	3,945	4,084	4,501	915	757	635

* Recruiting was suspended for Royal Irish Constabulary during this period.

It will be noticed that, while the number of vacancies in the Police Forces of the United Kingdom has considerably increased during the past twelve months, the number of such vacancies given to ex-soldiers has materially decreased. This decrease may be accounted for by the fact that so many of the ex-soldiers passed to the Reserve are men who have only been enlisted for three years with the Colours, and that it is not considered advisable to have a large number of Reservists in the Police Force, whose liability to be called up in case of emergency covers so long a period.

Railway Employment.

64. It will be seen from the abstract of returns received from the various Railway Companies that the number of ex-soldiers employed by them is not only maintained but has considerably increased as regards the railways in England and Wales, and it may be assumed, from the figures reported, that ex-soldiers give satisfaction in this class of employment. The schedule overleaf shows the number of ex-soldiers in the employment of the Railway Companies during the past three years. Railway employment.

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Railway Company.	Number of ex-soldiers to whom employment was given during 12 months ended 30th September—			Total number of ex-soldiers in the Company's service on 30th September—		
	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.
England and Wales.						
Midland	1,101	1,050	1,472	2,422	2,536	2,605
London and North Western	1,348	1,551	1,832	2,513	2,806	3,130
Lancashire and Yorkshire	460	550	711	733	921	939
South Eastern and Chatham	165	91	163	810	748	957
Great Western	714	716	803	2,380	2,403	2,703
Great Northern..	254	285	331	886	881	952
London and South Western	293	338	239	1,058	1,005	1,118
Great Eastern	287	156	242	1,110	1,059	1,149
London, Brighton, and South Coast ..	218	115	196	692	668	677
Great Central	242	331	604	No record.	523	913
North Eastern	323	233	326	797	797	872
Cheshire Lines Committee	110	106	125	124	122	133
London and India Docks	247	292	295	371	388	401
London, Tilbury, and Southend ..	51	50	51	85	94	80
North London	25	18	21	167	170	178
Metropolitan	120	10	5	125	124	108
Manchester, South Junction, and Altrincham	4	..	..	18	10	8
North Staffordshire	9	18	17	58	74	75
Barry	8	4	26	62	54	56
Furness	11	10	32	24	27	38
Wrexham, Mold, and Connah's Quay*	..	..	..	2	..	..
Rhondda and Swansea Bay	7	13	5	4	12	10
Maryport and Carlisle	..	..	..	2	2	1
Corris	1	..	..	..	..	..
Citadel Station Committee, Carlisle ..	..	5	1	..	4	4
Wirral	2	3	3	3	6	9
Metropolitan District	92	113	108	122	158	139
Total for England and Wales ..	6,092	6,058	7,608	14,568	15,592	17,255
Scotland.						
Caledonian	374	365	437	302	417	417
North British	453	402	446	508	571	567
Glasgow and South Western	160	125	137	170	160	159
Dundee and Arbroath	8	7	4	23	22	15
Highland	18	29	30	72	72	71
Aberdeen Joint Passenger	3	2	4	2	2	2
Joint Committee General Station, Perth	3	1	1	8	7	8
Portpatrick and Wigtownshire ..	1	7	1	2	3	2
Total for Scotland	1,020	938	1,060	1,087	1,254	1,241

* Merged into the Great Central Railway.

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Railway Company.	Number of ex-soldiers to whom employment was given during 12 months ended 30th September—			Total number of ex-soldiers in the Company's service on 30th September—		
	1904.	1905.	1906.	1904.	1905.	1906.
IRELAND.						
Great Northern	48	132	113	131	145	140
Great Southern and Western	159	214	359	203	253	382
Cork, Blackrock, and Passage	7	3	3	1	2	3
Midland Great Western	39	33	31	93	100	174
Listowel and Ballybunion	1	2	2	2	2	2
Cavan and Leitrim	7	7	7	7	7	7
Total for Ireland	261	391	515	437	509	708
Grand Total	7,373	7,387	9,183	16,092	17,355	19,204

Official Employment Registers.

65. The subjoined table shows the result, since 1902, of the working of the Employment Registers, in regimental and other recruiting districts:— Official employment registers.

Year.	Number registered for employment during the year.	Number for whom employment was found by means of the official registers during the year.				Percentage of men registered for whom employment was found.
		In the Post Office.	In other Government appointments.	In civilian firms, companies, &c.	Total for whom employment was found and accepted.	
1902	17,127	1,395	199	9,183	10,777	62·9
1st Oct. 1903	12,576	1,416	193	8,184	9,793	77·8
1st Oct. 1904	12,988	1,461	187	7,269	8,917	68·6
1st Oct. 1905	18,909*	1,872	157	8,270	10,299	54·4
1st Oct. 1906	20,236†	1,450	108	9,256	10,814	53·4

* Includes 4,037 names remaining on register from previous year. In former years these numbers have not been brought forward, which partially accounts for the decreased percentage.

† Includes 5,006 names remaining on register from previous year.

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It will be seen that, while the employment of soldiers in Civilian Firms, Companies, &c., has increased, employment under Government has diminished.

General Remarks as to Civil Employment.

General results.

66. The following table records the number, who left the Colours with characters, entitling them to registration for civil employment. The actual number for whom employment was found by means of Official Registers, Employment Societies, and Departments under the War Office, is shown below. It will be seen that, while 26,193 men have returned to civil life from the Army with characters either Good, Very Good or Exemplary, no less than 21,985 ex-soldiers have either been provided with employment or have had situations to go to.

Number discharged or transferred to the Reserve with	"Exemplary" characters		2,136
	"Very good" characters		13,631
	"Good" characters		10,426
	Total		26,193
Number of men for whom employment has been found	War Office Register (Messengers, &c.)		64
	Regimental and Recruiting Registers (affiliated to National Association)..		6,268
	National Association (London office only)		1,661
	*National Association (Branches) ..		1,003
	Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society (London office only)		902
	Army and Navy Pensioners' Employment Society		835
	Guards' Employment Society.. ..		145
	Departments under the War Office: Army Clothing Department	5	870
	Works and Fortifications Department	24	
	Ordnance Factories ..	99	
	Barrack Wardens, Barrack Labourers, &c...	406	
	Army Ordnance Department	326	
	Clerks in War Office ..	3	
	Writers under Army Accounts Department	7	
To these may be added	Men who are known to have themselves obtained employment ..		10,237
	General Total		21,985

It will be noticed that the returns from the Regimental and Recruiting Registers in out districts affiliated to the National Association show a gratifying increase. A considerable number of letters are received in this Office, from private employers and industrial

* Temporary employment has been found for 1,687 in addition to the above figures.

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concerns, asking for ex-soldiers to fill situations. These applications tend to show that employers of labour are not yet fully aware of the local societies for the employment of ex-soldiers, and that these societies are not sufficiently advertised.

Concluding Remarks.

General remarks upon recruiting.

67. As has been already pointed out, there is a slight increase in the number of Recruits taken, as compared with the preceding year. The unsatisfactory feature has been the decrease in recruiting for the Infantry of the Line, which is always affected by the requirements of the Mounted Corps. The conditions under which recruiting has been conducted have been, to say the least of it, unsettled. Again, the reductions in establishment, which have taken place, and the consequent closing of recruiting, are disturbing factors. As regards the Militia, the continued uncertainty of the future of the force cannot fail to have a bad effect.

Recruiting on the whole may be considered satisfactory, with the exception of that for the Infantry of the Line. Now that a definite settlement has been arrived at, regarding the terms of service of this arm, it is certain to improve in recruiting, and in fact is doing so already. Owing to the paucity of extensions among the Recruits enlisted for three years, the demands on the home infantry battalions for drafts for abroad have been very heavy. These excessive demands have led to depleted home battalions, and, in consequence, harder work upon the older soldiers. After this Trooping Season the demands for drafts should materially diminish, as nearly all the men enlisted for three years' Colour service will have passed to the Reserve. With a longer term of Colour service, and a diminished draft requirement, it should be possible in the future to provide the annual draft without undue depletion of the unit, and at the same time preserve in the unit a proportion of men in each year of service not required for draft purposes. Battalions will then again have that backbone of old soldiers, which is lacking at present, and which is necessary to the efficiency of the unit.

Wastage.

Wastage, however, should be considered in conjunction with recruiting, and it is satisfactory to note, that substantial decreases have occurred in what may be termed preventable sources of wastage. Taking, for example, invalids, men discharged as not likely to make efficient soldiers, and men discharged for misconduct; the discharges for these causes amounted to 6,603 in the year under review, as against 9,138 in the previous year, the equivalent of 2,500 extra recruits.

Physique of Recruits.

67. The reports received from the several Commands tend to show that the stamp of Recruit, that we are now obtaining, is satisfactory. His physique is on the whole good, and the system of medical inspection, which provides an Inspecting Medical Officer in each Command, ensures a more experienced selection of Recruit than heretofore. The Recruit at the depôt is well behaved, his education is in nearly every case favourably reported on, and is stated to be decidedly improving, whilst in some districts the class of Recruits has improved.

Education.

Class and character.

Changes in the recruiting service.

68. The changes, mentioned in my report of last year, caused by the grouping of Regimental Districts, have worked satisfactorily. It was found, however, that while the younger officers showed great interest in supervising the recruiting of the Regimental District in their charge, in many cases, owing to a want of experience in recruiting work, they did not thoroughly appreciate the methods by which the best results could be obtained.

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Depôts.

69. Inspections of Depôts and Recruiting centres have been regularly carried out during the past year. To assist the Director of Recruiting in this duty, the Chief Recruiting Staff Officer has been appointed an Assistant Adjutant-General on the Headquarter Staff. By this means the working of the recruiting system, in the various areas, is supervised and regulated.

Much remains to be done to improve depôts as Recruiting centres; in several cases the receiving room for Recruits is unsuitable, and the messing arrangements are not always satisfactory, although in some Depôts they are excellent. Especial attention should be paid to the Recruits on joining. There is much difference in the system and the cost of their messing; in some districts they are given tickets in exchange for which a good meal is provided, in others the arrangements are not so satisfactory. The price of the messing, supplied to the recruit before he is finally accepted, varies from 4½*d.* to 1*s.* It is most important that a Recruit should receive a favourable impression on entering upon his military career, which will hardly be conveyed if on entering a depôt he is shown into a cold, dark, and comfortless receiving room, has no one to explain to him the ways of a soldier's life, and is left to shift for himself as regards his meals.

The importance of depôts and of depôt training in our Army is hardly sufficiently realised. In other armies, the man, in coming up for military service, joins his unit—with us, for territorial and other reasons, the Recruit joins a depôt. It is there that he receives his first impressions at an impressionable age, and every effort should be made to profit by this and to make him a good soldier and a self-respecting man.

Instruction of recruits.

70. Two subjects may be mentioned in which officers and the staff of the depôt can use much influence. These are:—

1. Education.
2. Thrift.

I found, at my inspections, that a large proportion of Recruits attended school, and the instruction given in the schools at depôts leaves little to be desired. It is good and practical. Amongst other matters Recruits should be instructed in the history of their regiment, its distinctions, and how obtained. This is not always done; such instruction should be given by the officers, and given in such a manner as to interest the Recruits, and instil in them that *esprit de corps*, which is so important a factor in military life.

Thrift can be inculcated until it becomes a habit. The Infantry Recruit, from the day he joins, receives 4*s.* to 5*s.* a week to spend; he should be induced, if possible, to put by a small sum weekly. The schools are assisting in this, by bringing before the men the practical result of weekly savings. I found many Recruits, however, who send money home to help their parents. Thrift leads to temperance, and it is very necessary that the soldier on his return to civil life should be in possession of an adequate sum of ready money, and equipped with sufficient education to enable him to obtain and keep his employment.

Depôt Staff.

For the reasons above stated, the selection of the depôt staff is of great importance; the command of a depôt, which includes the training of Recruits and the responsibility for the recruiting in the territorial area, should be an appointment given to a selected officer of the regiment.

71. In my last report I dealt somewhat fully with the pay of the soldier. That this pay is appreciated by the serving soldier and that he recognises how well off he is while serving, is brought home by the fact that, even when permission is given to men to "Convert"

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their service, that is, to pass to the Reserve prematurely if they can obtain employment, few take advantage of the indulgence. It may be that this reluctance to leave the Colours prematurely is due to the fact that in so many cases men have no trade to take up in civil life, as in the Engineers a considerable number have availed themselves of the privilege, while in the case of the Royal Garrison Artillery, Cavalry and Infantry, where the indulgence has been granted, but few have availed themselves of the offer. This fact has been particularly remarked in one regiment of Infantry of the Line, where out of 151 men who were offered the indulgence, only 6 men in six months have taken advantage of the opportunity given.

Pay to men on furlough.

72. The ordinary practice of giving the soldier, in advance, the full amount of pay authorised by the Royal Warrant is not entirely satisfactory. This advance of pay has often been spent before a soldier's furlough has been completed, in which case he is left without means at a time when it is undesirable for the good of the Service that he should be so situated. While in no case fettering the discretion of Commanding Officers, it was suggested that it might be desirable to advance a part only of the pay and to arrange to remit the remainder weekly by post. The system has been experimentally tried and has met with approval. It brings to notice the fact that a soldier receives pay whilst on leave, an advantage not usually obtaining in civil life.

Soldiers' clubs.

73. As a rule Soldiers' Homes are in towns, where there are depôts or garrisons, in which they do excellent work. There are, however, many towns from which Recruits are raised in considerable numbers, in which there are no Soldiers' Homes. Some of these towns are places where there are recruiting houses of some size, especially those where Recruiting Staff Officers or Retired Recruiting Officers are stationed. These houses are only required for recruiting purposes during the morning and early afternoon. It is hoped it may be possible to open them, as soldiers' clubs, during the furlough season from, say, 6.0 p.m. to 10.0 p.m.

Soldiers who go on furlough as a rule return to homes, where accommodation is limited, and, in bad weather, have no suitable resort. If the recruiting offices could be utilised, when not required for recruiting, as reading rooms, with newspapers, &c., the comfort of soldiers on furlough might be materially increased, and the cost for the extra cleaning, lighting, and fuel would be but small. It is intended to consult with General Officers Commanding-in-Chief, to see how far this can be effected.

Anti-recruiting publications.

74. Attention from time to time is directed, both by officers concerned with recruiting and also by civilians, to scurrilous pamphlets and proclamations which are issued, especially in Ireland, with the object of preventing enlistments into the Army. These publications have been brought to the notice of the Civil Authorities.

Introduction of system of detention in lieu of imprisonment.

75. One important step has recently been taken, which it is hoped will improve the soldier's status both in his own estimation and in that of the country. There are many offences of a purely military nature, and in no way affecting a soldier's character in civil life, for which, under the military code of punishment, imprisonment has been awarded. The term "imprisonment" to a civilian mind implies a more or less serious infraction of the country's laws. A soldier, therefore, who has undergone a term of imprisonment for a purely military offence has thus been branded in the eyes of the civil population as a man who has committed a serious crime and, in fact, become a member of the criminal classes. Soldiers punished for purely military offences

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are no longer sentenced to imprisonment, but to detention. A sentence of detention is carried out in a Detention Barrack under a system which aims at returning the soldier to his unit on the termination of his punishment, with his military knowledge, technical skill and civil education increased and his physical condition improved. While undergoing a sentence of detention a soldier retains his uniform, arms and equipment, and, though the daily routine is necessarily severe, and the work arduous, it is not of a nature to impair that self-respect which is so necessary for the efficient performance of a soldier's duty.

Bad characters, whose serious military offences call for discharge from the Army, and soldiers convicted of offences cognizable by the criminal law of England, are ordinarily sentenced to imprisonment and do not return to the Army. The sentence of imprisonment in these instances is served at the military prison when the offence is a military offence, and in a civil prison in other cases.

Sir E. Ward's Committee on the employment of ex-soldiers.

76. Reference has been made to the important Committee which assembled, under the presidency of Sir Edward Ward, to consider the question of the civil employment of soldiers. Several districts in their annual reports have stated that, if the recommendations of that Committee were carried out, the recruiting problem would be solved, and there is no doubt whatever that the adoption of the recommendations would go a considerable distance towards the solution. Many men of a better class would undoubtedly enlist, if they saw a reasonable prospect of obtaining employment on the termination of their military career. It is this uncertainty which at present prevents the enlistment of the educated man.

As already stated, the Army Council have caused Committees to assemble in each Command, to consider the possibility of better qualifying the soldier, while in military service, for his return to civil life, by enabling him to learn a trade. The Special Army Order, issued in September last, substituting proficiency pay for service pay, and making the grant of the former among other things depend upon the possession of a third class school certificate, is another step in the same direction, and shows that the Army Council are using every endeavour, to fit the soldier for employment on his return to civil life. These efforts, however, cannot fully succeed unless the Government of the country is prepared on its part to assume its share of responsibility, and to ensure that, as far as possible, ex-soldiers and ex-sailors are given the choice of those appointments, under it, in civil life, for which they are fitted.

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SECTION II.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

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ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH.

PART I.—ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH OF THE REGULAR FORCES, ARMY RESERVE, AND AUXILIARY FORCES ON 1st OCTOBER, 1906.

	All Ranks.			
	Establishment (Army Estimates).	Strength.	Wanting to complete.	Supernumerary.
Regular Forces :—				
Regimental Establishments { British Establishment*	193,049†	186,234	6,815	—
Regimental Establishments { Indian Establishment‡	75,092	76,883	—	1,791
Staff and Departments and Miscellaneous Establishments	3,651	3,651	—	—
	271,792	266,768	5,024	—
Army Reserve	122,000¶	110,596	—	—
Militia (United Kingdom) :—				
Permanent Staff	4,877	4,464	413	—
Militia..	127,531	86,129	41,402	—
	132,408	90,593	41,815	—
Militia (Reserve Division)	8,000	7,783	217	—
Militia (Channel Islands, Malta and Bermuda) :—				
Permanent Staff	176	167	9	—
Militia	5,527	4,695	832	—
	5,703	4,862‖	841	—
Imperial Yeomanry :—				
Permanent Staff	348	342	6	—
Yeomanry	27,290	24,970	2,320	—
	27,638	25,312	2,326	—
Honourable Artillery Company :—				
Permanent Staff	5	5	—	—
Officers and Members	899	522	377	—
	904	527	377	—
Volunteers (Great Britain) :—				
Permanent Staff	2,111	2,017	94	—
Volunteers	336,341	255,901	80,440	—
	338,452	257,918	80,534	—
Volunteers (Bermuda) :—				
Permanent Staff	5	5	—	—
Volunteers	314	197	117	—
	319	202	117	—
General Total	907,216	764,561	—	—

* This includes Indian Native Troops employed in the Colonies and North China.

† Does not include the officers and men of the Army Pay Corps, who now belong to the Army Accounts Department, and are shown under Staff and Departments. 1,100 men (Infantry) were included in the Establishments to cover "temporary excess of ordinary establishments."

‡ These numbers do not include any officers or men of the Indian Army.

‖ Strength of Channel Islands Militia on 1st July, 1906.

¶ This is the maximum number which it was expected the Reserve would reach by 1st April, 1907.

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PART II.—STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION.

TABLE 1.—REGIMENTAL STRENGTH of the Regular Army BY ARMS on the first day of each Quarter, from 1st October, 1905, to 1st October, 1906, with the establishments shown in Army Estimates; including the British Troops on Indian Establishment.

Arm.	Ranks.	Strength. 1st Oct. 1905.	1st Jan. 1906.	1st April, 1906.	1st July, 1906.	1st Oct. 1906.	Establishment.† 1905-06.	1906-07.
Household Cavalry ...	Officers	81	82	79	79	82	72	72
	Warrant Officers...	7	7	7	7	7	6	6
	N.C.O.'s and Men	1,272	1,273	1,298	1,297	1,302	1,212	1,218
Cavalry of the Line	Officers	726	732	732	738	737	751	753
	Warrant Officers...	60	60	60	60	60	59	59
	N.C.O.'s and Men	18,363	18,570	19,086	19,218	19,460	18,384	18,422
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	Officers	1,126	1,108	1,114	1,084	1,089	1,108	1,108
	Warrant Officers...	61	61	61	59	60	66	66
	N.C.O.'s and Men	29,363	29,371	29,829	30,098	30,105	28,704	28,729
Royal Garrison Artillery	Officers	940	942	925	893	901	938	910
	Warrant Officers...	113	113	114	107	107	117	113
	N.C.O.'s and Men	23,121	22,868	21,944	21,277	20,456	21,796	20,515
Royal Engineers	Officers	1,054	1,045	1,051	1,043	1,048	1,033	1,040
	Warrant Officers...	147	149	147	146	146	150	146
	N.C.O.'s and Men	9,517	9,496	9,464	9,267	9,205	9,708	9,047
Foot Guards ...	Officers	305	307	307	301	302	305	305
	Warrant Officers...	18	18	18	18	18	19	19
	N.C.O.'s and Men	7,730	7,810	7,965	8,024	7,700	7,930	7,937
Infantry of the Line	Officers	4,423	4,431	4,419	4,386	4,344	4,713†	4,524†
	Warrant Officers...	385	380	373	377	376	394	386
	N.C.O.'s and Men	146,147	145,229	142,123	139,779	139,651	160,130†	145,082†
Colonial Corps ...	Officers	190	191	191	184	166	194	195
	Warrant Officers...	7	6	8	9	7	8	8
	N.C.O.'s and Men	6,023	6,026	5,867	5,645	5,164	6,085	5,813
Army Service Corps ...	Officers	442	448	449	441	430	467	458
	Warrant Officers...	263	262	254	260	257	267	266
	N.C.O.'s and Men	6,239	6,263	6,312	6,303	6,288	6,302	6,289
Royal Army Medical Corps ...	Officers	1,032	1,020	1,041	1,040	1,021	1,049	1,049
	Warrant Officers...	67	62	62	62	62	62	62
	N.C.O.'s and Men	3,950	3,980	3,958	3,946	4,289	3,927	4,127
Army Ordnance Corps ...	Officers	234	230	231	230	22[illegible]	239	236
	Warrant Officers...	127	135	131	131	132	139	139
	N.C.O.'s and Men	2,062	2,086	2,076	2,110	2,142	2,106	2,186
Army Pay Corps	Officers	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	Warrant Officers...	42	45	—	—	—	47	‡
	N.C.O.'s and Men	814	804	—	—	—	853	
Army Veterinary Corps ...	Officers	—	—	144	147	154	—	161§
	Warrant Officers...	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
	N.C.O.'s and Men	147	180	184	217	216	219	218
*Other Troops ...	Officers	235	238	232	230	226	196	196
	Warrant Officers...	11	10	11	11	10	—	—
	N.C.O.'s and Men	5,287	5,253	5,259	5,183	5,166	6,279	6,279
TOTAL	Officers	10,788	10,774	10,915	10,796	10,729	11,065†	11,007†
	Warrant Officers...	1,310	1,310	1,248	1,249	1,244	1,336	1,272
	N.C.O.'s and Men	260,035	259,209	255,365	252,364	251,144	273,635†	255,862†

* Indian Troops borrowed from India for garrison and expeditionary purposes.

† As provided for in Army Estimates, including in year 1905-06 40 officers and 12,960 N.C.O.'s and men and in 1906-07 20 officers and 1,080 N.C.O.'s and men additional numbers for "temporary excess of normal establishment."

‡ The Army Pay Corps are not now included in the Regimental Establishments, but form part of the Staff and Departments (*see* p. 38).

§ The officers of the Army Veterinary Corps were shown in the Estimates under Staff and Departments. They were taken on to the Regimental Establishment from 1st April, 1906.

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TABLE 2.—REGIMENTAL STRENGTH of the Regular Army BY ARMS in each year from 1898.

Year.	All Ranks.																	Year.
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Imperial Yeomanry.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Infantry Royal Reserve Regiments.*	Colonial Corps and borrowed† Native Troops.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	Army Veterinary Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	All Arms.	
1st Jan., 1898	1,317	17,721	—	18,319	19,291	7,792	6,591	136,163	—	5,666	3,599	2,651	1,316	577	—	—	221,003	1st Jan., 1898
1899	1,298	18,102	—	19,053	20,370	7,975	7,249	141,332	—	7,242	3,599	3,651	1,388	592	—	—	231,851	1899
1900	1,327	22,672	—	26,639	22,815	10,534	12,008	183,299	—	8,778	5,730	5,021	1,932	619	—	170	301,544	1900
1901	1,602	31,042	9,354	35,167	25,899	13,932	14,160	221,872	18,301	31,571	8,187	6,647	2,399	655	—	385	421,173	1901
1902	1,550	31,681	16,730	36,068	25,136	14,850	14,624	217,966	—	19,531	8,559	7,099	2,615	747	—	526	397,682	1902
1903	1,490	29,297	1,610	34,959	23,174	13,757	9,966	176,580	—	15,503	8,443	6,020	2,63	854	—	362	324,653	1903
1st Oct., 1903	1,426	23,084	—	32,511	23,067	11,480	7,847	157,669	—	19,609	6,928	5,346	2,542	900	—	2	292,411	1st Oct., 1903
1904	1,373	20,317	—	31,165	24,524	11,457	7,862	161,035	—	14,137	6,903	4,954	2,562	903	48	—	287,240	1904
1905	1,360	19,149	—	30,550	24,174	10,718	8,053	150,955	—	11,753	6,944	5,049	2,423	856	149	—	272,133	1905
1906	1,391	20,257	—	31,254	21,464	10,399	8,020	144,371		10,739	6,975	5,372	2,503	—‡	372	—	263,117	1906

* Disbanded in 1901. † Native Troops borrowed from India, &c., for garrison and expeditionary purposes. ‡ Not now included in Regimental strength.

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TABLE 3.—REGIMENTAL ESTABLISHMENT and STRENGTH of the Army, and the number wanting to complete or supernumerary to the Establishment in each year from 1898.

Year.	Establishments, Army Estimates.				Strength.				Supernumerary to Establishment, All Ranks.	Wanting to complete Establishment, All Ranks.
	Officers.	Warrant Officers.	N.C.O.'s and Men.	All Ranks.	Officers.	Warrant Officers.	N.C.O.'s and Men.	All Ranks.		
1st January, 1898 ..	8,342	954	218,369	227,665	7,689	921	212,393	221,003	—	6,662
„ 1899 ..	8,628	1,022	234,906	244,556	8,537	982	222,332	231,851	—	12,705
„ 1900 ..	9,269	1,060	239,137	249,466	9,318	1,081	291,145	301,544	52,078*	—
„ 1901 ..	10,646	1,227	265,463	277,336	13,410	1,225	406,538	421,173	143,837*	—
„ 1902 ..	10,939	1,259	272,231	284,429	12,882	1,253	383,547	397,682	113,253*	—
„ 1903 ..	11,029	1,275	272,074	284,378	12,000	1,267	311,386	324,653	40,275*	—
1st October, 1903 ..	11,098	1,319	273,508	285,925	11,759	1,349	279,303	292,411	6,486*	—
„ 1904 ..	11,100	1,316	269,013	281,429	11,156	1,310	274,774	287,240	5,811*	—
„ 1905 ..	11,065†	1,336	273,635†	286,036†	10,788	1,310	260,035	272,133	—	13,903
„ 1906 ..	11,007‡	1,272	255,862‡	268,141‡	10,729	1,244	251,144	263,117	—	5,024

* Additional numbers, not included in the establishments shown above, were sanctioned in these years on account of the South African War, and the Somaliland Expedition.

† These numbers include 13,000 (40 officers and 12,960 N.C.O.'s and men) additional numbers (Infantry), for "temporary excess of ordinary establishment," as compared with from 1,000 to 1,500 provided for in normal years.

‡ These numbers include 20 officers and 1,080 N.C.O.'s and men additional numbers (Infantry), for "temporary excess of ordinary establishment."

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TABLE 4.—INCREASE and DECREASE of NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and twelve months ending

	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Artillery. Horse and Field.	Royal Artillery. Garrison.‖	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.
Effectives on the 1st Oct., 1905	1,272	18,363	29,363	23,121	9,517	7,730
INCREASE.						
Recruits joined. Long service	4	136	192	170	67	48
Short service: 1 year ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 years .	—	—	—	—	381	—
3 years..	—	—	4,343	3	680	1,666
6 years..	—	—	304	—	—	—
7 years..	—	3,528	—	—	—	—
8 years..	165	2	—	200	—	—
9 years..	—	—	—	1,386	—	—
Colonial Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—
Re-enlisted	3	6	37	6	2	18
	172	3,672	4,876	1,765	1,130	1,732
Joined from desertion	3	173	173	74	12	64
From Army Reserve	1	58	96	12	2	35
Brought on Imperial Estab. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other causes	5	117	148	12	—	—
Total increase.. ..	181	4,020	5,293	1,863	1,144	1,831
DECREASE.						
Died	1	119	207	113	39	11
Discharged. After 21 years' service ..	22	63	88	131	147	18
Prematurely, after 18 years' service, under Royal Warrant, 25th June, 1881	3	22	43	44	13	14
On completing 1st Period..	10	138	168	220	28	17
As invalids	27	206	345	303	69	145
By purchase	24	169	107	74	27	59
Under Section 81, Army Act, 1881.. ..	7	139	65	1	19	64
Free, under Royal Warrant for Pay, &c.— Article 1142 (ii.). ..	3	37	94	58	5	7
Article 1142 (iii.). ..	1	20	28	11	3	8
Not likely to become efficient soldiers.. ..	6	115	147	62	26	77
On conviction of making a false answer on attestation	—	16	25	8	4	11
For misconduct	5	188	256	143	28	88
Miscellaneous	15	174	204	160	185	53
	123	1,287	1,570	1,215	554	561
Struck off as deserters	7	388	334	152	32	132
To Army Reserve: On completion of service	—	986	2,273	2,072	455	867
On conversion of service	19	97	94	288	358	235
Relegated	—	10	4	7	—	6
To Militia, Yeomanry, and Volunteers	1	35	34	124	5	22
Given up as deserters	—	1	1	—	—	3
Struck off Imperial Estabmt. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other causes	—	—	34	557*	13	24
Total decrease ..	151	2,923	4,551	4,528	1,456	1,861
Net increase	30	1,097	742	—	—	—
Net decrease	—	—	—	2,665	312	30
Effectives on the 1st Oct., 1906	1,302	19,460	30,105	20,456	9,205	7,700

* Including transfers to Staff and Departments on the abolition of the R.A. Regimental District Staff.
‡ The Army Pay Corps are not now borne on the regimental establishment of the Army.
‖ Including Artillery Clerks.

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MEN on the Regimental Strength of each Arm of the Service during the 30th September, 1906.

Infantry of the Line.	Colonial Corps.	Indian Troops (borrowed). †	Army Service Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	Army Veterinary Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	All Arms.
146,147	6,023	5,287	6,239	2,062	3,950	814	147	—	260,035
968	303	—	59	70	8	—	—	—	2,025
—	—	—	—	—	321	—	—	—	321
241	—	—	1,122	—	—	—	—	—	1,744
—	—	—	93	144	544	—	—	—	7,473
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	304
3,241	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,769
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	367
16,324	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,710
—	386	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	386
1,112§	6	—	7	7	1	—	—	61	1,266§
21,886	695	—	1,281	221	874	—	—	61	38,365
1,158	28	—	34	—	5	—	1	—	1,725
500	—	—	1	11	5	—	—	—	721
—	—	277	—	—	—	—	—	—	277
—	—	—	—	49	—	—	70	—	401
23,544	723	277	1,316	281	884	—	71	61	41,489
850	48	49	24	9	15	2	2	—	1,489
414	20	—	48	29	26	2	—	—	1,008
168	8	—	8	3	6	—	—	—	332
1,720	384	—	12	1	8	—	—	—	2,706
1,752	278	—	60	9	38	2	—	—	3,234
596	10	—	16	10	14	—	—	—	1,106
335	—	—	8	—	1	—	—	—	639
426	12	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	647
89	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	162
679	95	—	31	2	8	—	—	—	1,248
64	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	131
1,242	38	—	84	3	45	1	—	—	2,121
2,822§	577	—	61	39	57	1	—	—	4,348§
10,307	1,422	—	335	97	205	6	—	—	17,682
1,789	73	1	45	1	24	1	—	—	2,979
15,942	28	—	851	57	245	1	—	—	23,777
229	3	—	10	37	6	1	—	61	1,438
28	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	55
577	—	—	—	—	22	—	—	—	820
4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
—	—	348	—	—	—	—	—	—	348
314	8	—	2	—	28	803	—	—	1,783
30,040	1,582	398	1,267	201	545	814	2	61	50,380
—	—	—	49	80	339	—	69	—	—
6,496	859	121	—	—	—	814	—	—	8,891
139,651	5,164	5,166	6,288	2,142	4,289	‡—	216	—	251,144

† Comprising Indian Native Troops borrowed from India and stationed in the Colonies and North China.
§ Includes 1,078 men discharged from the Royal Garrison Regiment and re-enlisted for service in the Infantry.

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TABLE 5.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

	1st Jan. 1897.	1st Jan. 1898.	1st Jan. 1899.	1st. Jan. 1900.
Strength on	212,231	212,393	222,373	290,914
INCREASE.				
Recruits joined. Long service, 12 years ..	1,985	2,485	1,670	2,107
Short service: 1 year ..	—	—	40	24,449 (a)
2 years ..	—	—	—	—
3 years ..	2,164	5,949	5,966	7,619
6 years ..	—	—	—	—
7 years ..	30,866	31,115	32,531	37,974
8 years ..	—	—	—	—
9 years ..	—	—	—	—
Colonial Corps	—	1,180	2,493	1,560
Re-enlisted: Rl. Garrison Regiment	—	—	—	522
Re-enlisted: Others	—	—	—	24,130
Joined from desertion	1,594	1,789	2,022	2,438
From Army Reserve	68	4,578	55,662	18,717
From Militia Reserve	—	—	2,137	11,437
Taken on British Establishment / Other causes	407	207	82	21,845 (b)
Total increase	37,084	47,303	102,603	152,798
DECREASE.				
Died	2,067	2,578	2,457	10,153
Discharged. After 21 years' service ..	653	583	584	176
Prematurely, after 18 years' service, under Pay Warrant ..	277	201	250	21
On completing 1st Period ..	1,464	1,288	857	827
As Invalids	3,727	3,683	3,377	5,927
By purchase..	1,718	1,574	1,432	81
Under Section 81, Army Act	1,324	1,649	1,482	56
Free, under Pay Warrant:— Article 1142 (ii.).. ..	—	—	328	56
Article 1142 (iii.) ..	463	387	381	470
Not likely to become efficient soldiers ..	720	586	633	755
On conviction of making a false answer on attestation	217	229	202	244
For misconduct	1,654	1.945	1,956	1,901
Miscellaneous	749	858	1,123	4,655
Total discharged ..	12,966	12,983	12,605	15,169
Struck off as deserters	3,669	4,107	4,504	6,378
To Army Reserve: On completion of service	15,229	14,888	11,694	63
On conversion of service	1,406	1,288	1,149	2,951 (g)
Relegated	67	69	61	41
On demobilization ..	—	—	—	—
To Militia Reserve	—	—	—	—
To Auxiliary Forces	694	664	560	1,211
"Given up" as deserters ..	48	66	55	112
Struck off British Establishment .. .. .. / Other causes	776	680	977	1,191
Total decrease	36,922	37,323	*34,062	37,269
Net increase	162	9,980	68,541	115,529
Net decrease	—	—	—	—
Strength on 1st January in following year	212,393	222,373	290,914	406,443

(a) Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 10,242; City of London Imperial Volunteers, 1,664.
(b) Chiefly caused by Indian Native troops brought on British Establishment.
(c) Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 16,597.
(d) Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 7,035. * Figures for nine months only.

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and MEN on the Regimental Strength of the Army during each year from 1897.

1st Jan. 1901.	1st Jan. 1902.	1st Jan. 1903. (9 months.)	1st Oct. 1903.	1st Oct. 1904.	1st Oct. 1905.
406,443	383,462	311,386	279,303	274,774	260,035
2,004	1,894	1,524*	1,813	1,701	1,722
23,373 (c)	10,573 (d)	—	—	—	321
—	—	244*	827	760	1,744
8,950	38,942	27,556*	38,550	10,240	7,473
—	—	—	—	—	304
34,203	9,917	—	—	110	6,769
—	—	—	89	2,224	367
—	—	—	—	20,316	17,710
1,882	924	506*	792	473	689
4,052	2,250	1,121*	561	—	—
1,187 (e)	540 (f)	75*	10	139	1,266 (j)
2,689	2,851	2,241*	2,673	2,189	1,725
1,188	1,253	491*	399	311	721
1	23	5*	—	—	—
517	975	4,779*	{ 4,008 430	5,707 383	277 401
80,046	70,142	38,542*	50,152	44,553	41,489
5,969	3,896	1,560*	1,699	1,432	1,489
504	917	669*	709	830	1,008
70	263	285*	293	299	332
18,689	31,373	6,125*	5,354	3,729	2,706
9,614	8,869	4,074*	4,973	4,226	3,234
143	3,074	2,896*	1,795	988	1,106
76	1,244	655*	661	632	639
155	370	478*	492	528	647
535	462	460*	385	173	162
1,038	1,658	969*	1,373	1,822	1,248
304	332	181*	174	94	131
2,521	2,903	2,972*	3,656	3,090	2,121
37,174 (h)	28,625 (i)	4,434*	1,542	3,295	4,348 (j)
70,823	80,090	24,198*	21,407	19,706	17,682
7,686	7,162	4,653*	3,959	3,085	2,979
359	18,781	26,340*	15,205	17,266	23,777
360	355	1,412*	1,956	9,026	1,438
85	137	54*	66	42	55
—	17,559	10,340*	28	—	—
2,486	7,053	6*	—	—	—
883	679	714*	817	634	820
108	89	65*	44	10	9
14,268	6,417	1,283*	{ 8,755 745	7,559 532	348 1,783
103,027	142,218	70,625*	54,681	59,292	50,380
—	—	—	—	—	—
22,981	72,076	32,083*	4,529	14,739	8,891
383,462	311,386	1st Oct. 1903. 279,303	1st Oct. 1904. 274,774	1st Oct. 1905. 260,035	1st Oct. 1906. 251,144

(e) Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 655, re-enlisted for one year.
(f) Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 204, re-enlisted for one year.
(g) Includes 2,869 men of Volunteer Waiting Companies (Army Order 29 of 1900).
(h) Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 9,342; Infantry Royal Reserve Regiments. 17,779; also Volunteers and other one-year men.
(i) Includes Imperial Yeomanry 20,801; also Volunteers and other one-year men.
(j) Includes 1,078 men discharged from the Royal Garrison Regiment and re-enlisted for service in the Infantry.

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TABLE 6.—DISTRIBUTION of the numbers on the Regimental Strength of the Army BY ARMS, ALL RANKS, on the 1st October, 1906, with the Total Establishment of each Arm of the Service.

	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Artillery.		Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps and Dept.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Veterinary Corps.	Colonial Corps and Indian Native Troops.	All Arms.
			Horse and Field.	Garrison.									
AT HOME—													
England and Wales	1,391	6,939	13,410	8,214	6,205	7,285	41,769	4,646	1,348	3,203	153	—	94,563
Ireland	—	2,296	4,412	755	730	—	14,833	1,164	270	507	41	—	25,008
Scotland	—	742	183	387	189	—	3,813	111	60	99	1	—	5,585
Guernsey and Alderney	—	—	—	152	15	—	468	6	11	9	—	—	661
Jersey	—	—	—	122	8	—	789	4	3	13	—	—	939
Total...	1,391	9,977	18,005	9,630	7,147	7,285	61,672	5,931	1,692	3,831	195	—	126,756
EAST INDIA—													
Northern Command	—	2,087	2,148	1,485	—	—	14,676	—	24	—	—	—	20,420
Western Command	—	714	3,412	2,071	—	—	13,647	—	7	—	—	—	19,881
Eastern Command	—	2,140	2,276	1,203	—	—	15,156	—	33	—	—	—	20,808
Secunderabad Division	—	2,033	1,671	144	—	—	5,228	—	16	—	—	—	9,092
Burmah Division	—	—	—	306	—	—	4,083	—	6	—	—	—	4,395
Royal Artillery Staff, unposted, &c.	—	—	1,043	105	371	—	377	—	5	326	60	—	2,287
Total...	—	6,974	10,550	5,314	371	—	53,167	—	121	326	60	—	76,883

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South Africa	—	2,644	2,502	433	1,086	—	13,465	70	258	498	110	—	21,666
West Africa	—	—	—	182	34	—	—	2	14	16	—	2,366	2,614
Bermuda	—	—	—	282	112	—	856	15	47	35	—	—	1,347
Ceylon	—	—	—	152	59	—	932	8	15	32	—	96	1,294
China and Hong Kong	—	—	—	767	250	—	854	35	36	74	—	504	2,520
Cyprus	—	—	—	—	—	—	100	2	—	7	—	—	109
Gibraltar	—	—	—	1,767	426	—	2,376	82	76	107	—	—	4,834
Jamaica, &c.	—	—	—	199	113	—	—	17	11	31	—	1,433	1,804
Malta	—	—	—	1,841	361	—	4,023	92	81	186	—	503	7,087
Mauritius	—	—	—	273	116	—	790	9	13	40	—	231	1,472
St. Helena	—	—	—	101	32	—	—	4	1	5	—	—	143
Straits Settlements	—	—	—	339	106	—	845	10	17	30	—	204	1,551
Egypt	—	662	165	184	120	735	4,459	94	48	135	7	—	6,609
Indian Native Infantry (including miscellaneous Indian troops, N. China)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,402	5,402
Particular service, &c.	—	—	32	—	59	—	—	—	72	—	—	—	163
Total	—	3,306	2,699	6,520	2,874	735	28,700	1,040	689	1,196	117	10,739	58,615
CRETE	—	—	—	—	7	—	832	4	1	19	—	—	863
GENERAL TOTAL at Home and Abroad	1,391	20,257	31,254	21,464	10,399	8,020	144,371	6,975	2,503	5,372	372	10,739	263,117
ESTABLISHMENT as provided for in Army Estimates... ...	1,296	19,234	29,903	21,538	10,233	8,261	149,992	7,013	2,561	5,238	381	12,491	268,141

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TABLE 7.—DISTRIBUTION of the Units of each Arm of the Service on the 1st October, 1906.

	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.		Royal Artillery.							Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.		Army Service Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Indian Native Infantry Battalions.	Colonial Corps.			
				Horse.		Field.		Garrison.											Artillery.	Engineers.	Infantry.	
	Regiments.	Regiments.	Reserve Squadrons.	Service Batteries.	Depôts.	Service Batteries.	Depôts.	Mountain Service Batteries.	Service Companies.	Depôts.	Units.	Battalions.	Battalions.	Regimental Depôts.	Companies.	Companies.	Companies.		Companies.	Companies.	Battalions.	Depôt.
HOME:—																						
England	3	9	—	12	1	66	5	—	36	6	50	9	44	51	53	13	17	—	—	—	—	—
Ireland	—	3	1	2	—	27	1	—	4	—	5	—	21	8	18	3	4	—	—	—	—	—
Scotland	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	2	—	3	10	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Guernsey and Alderney ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jersey	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	3	13	1	14	1	93	7	—	44	6	57	9	70	69	72	17	22	—	—	—	—	—
EAST INDIES:—																						
Northern Command	—	3	—	4	—	9	—	5	6	—	1	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Western Command	—	1	—	2	—	18	—	3	11	—		—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eastern Command	—	3	—	3	—	10	—	—	8	—		—	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Secunderabad Division ...	—	3	—	2	—	8	—	—	1	—		—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Burmah Division	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—		—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
On passage, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	10	—	11	—	45	—	8	28	—	1	—	53	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION.

COLONIES AND EGYPT:—																						
South Africa	—	4	—	2	—	12	—	—	2	—	6	—	15	—	8	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
West Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	2	—
Bermuda	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ceylon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
China and Hong Kong ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3*	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	4	4	1	—	—
Cyprus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1 Co.)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gibraltar	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	4	—	3	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jamaica	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1
Malta	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	2	—	5	—	1	1	—	—	5	—	—	—
Mauritius	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—
St. Helena	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Straits Settlements	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
Egypt	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	4⅞	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
On passage, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	5	—	3	—	12	—	—	31	—	21	1	33	—	11	6	—	7	17	2	3	1
Crete	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
General Total at Home and Abroad	3	28	1	28	1	150	7	8	103	6	79	10	157†	69	83	23	22	7	17	2	3	1
				29		157			109													

* Excluding Legation Guard.
† Including 1 Battalion Royal Garrison Regiment, but exclusive of 1 Provisional Battalion.

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PART III.—RECRUITING AND CASUALTIES.

TABLE 1.—RETURN showing the number of Recruits raised for the Regular Army (with the percentage of Infantry Recruits who joined the Territorial Regiment of the Regimental District), and for the Militia, by agencies under the orders of the Officer Commanding each Regimental District, Militia and Volunteer Artillery District, Engineer District, and Recruiting District, during the 12 months ended 30th September, 1906, and percentage of Recruits discharged for medical disability within three months of enlistment. Also the number of Recruits raised for the Regular Army during the last four years and nine months, and the number of men in each Territorial Regiment on 1st October, 1906, who were born in the Regimental District.

Recruiting Area and Headquarters of Districts.	Regular Army.						Militia.	Finally approved for the Regular Army during the past five years.					Number in territorial regiment on 1st Oct., 1906, born in the regimental district.
	For the territorial regiment of the district.	For other Infantry.	For other corps.	Total.	Percentage of Infantry Recruits who joined the territorial regiment of the district.*	Percentage of Recruits who were discharged for medical disability within three months from date of enlistment.		1902.	1903 (9 mths.)	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.	1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905.	1st Oct., 1905, to 30th Sept., 1906.	
NORTHERN.													
Border.													
Militia and Vol. Arty., Scarborough ..	..	22	41	63	..	4·76	16	105	81	84	79	63	..
4th Regtl. Dist., Lancaster	71	24	84	179	74·73	6·14	78	262	151	250	172	179	117
5th " Newcastle	60	44	128	232	57·69	2·57	419	475	154	353	226	232	325
68th " Newcastle	174	170	396	740	50·58		618	656	461	617	569	740	789
19th " Richmond	130	23	76	229	84·96	·87	140	228	128	227	199	229	1,008
34th " Carlisle	42	15	19	76	73·68	2·63	127	250	40	122	87	76	193
North Midland.													
10th Regtl. Dist., Lincoln	95	20	105	220	82·60	1·36	287	314	229	269	293	220	306
17th " Leicester	183	40	102	325	82·06	3·07	229	546	374	487	463	325	1,165

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38th „ Lichfield	165	27	88	280	85·93	1·10	378	426	194	444	287	280	1,086
64th „ Lichfield	191	69	92	352	73·46		314	421	214	405	387	352	1,304
45th „ Derby	223	227	323	773	49·55	3·75	544	754	433	1,117	953	773	1,120
Yorkshire.													
14th Regtl. Dist., York..	85	42	138	265	62·92	3·77	93	250	176	260	364	265	960
15th „ Beverley	101	62	119	282	61·96	2·83	109	314	270	305	394	282	525
33rd „ Halifax	94	110	148	352	46·07	2·84	341	829	464	622	486	352	684
51st „ Pontefract	68	37	56	161	64·76	3·98	125	329	159	267	189	161	531
65th „ Pontefract	91	45	54	190	66·91		124	196	93	171	138	190	763
Leeds Recruiting District	..	151	114	265	..	2·26	331	512	364	427	361	265	..
Sheffield Recruiting District	..	138	113	251	..	3·18	255	641	501	429	294	251	..
Total	1,773	1,266	2,196	5,235	64·99	2·82	4,528	7,508	4,486	6,856	5,941	5,235	10,876
WESTERN.													
Lancashire.													
Militia and Vol. Arty., Seaforth.. ..	..	56	86	142	..	..	108	304	198	185.	178	142	..
8th Regtl. Dist., Warrington.. ..	89	34	39	162	72·35	1·78	95	238	178	230	122	162	494
40th „ Warrington.. ..	49	29	40	118	62·82		83	295	155	203	134	118	837
20th „ Bury	106	19	8	133	84·80	3·75	160	665	285	304	156	133	1,241
30th „ Preston	48	62	100	210	43·63	3·84	430	799	388	333	220	210	443
47th „ Preston	73	75	84	232	49·32		142	768	285	408	255	232	693
63rd „ Ashton-under-Lyne.	184	28	23	235	86·79	1·27	200	547	467	603	324	235	1,133
Liverpool Recruiting District.. ..	..	334	298	632	..	4·11	651	1,301	630	661	529	632	..
Manchester Recruiting District ..	..	280	254	534	..	2·06	521	1,752	1,258	1,378	703	534	..
Welsh Border.													
22nd Regtl. Dist., Chester	156	58	153	367	72·89	2·18	209	923	464	1,013	510	367	718
23rd „ Wrexham	85	6	22	113	93·40	2·65	192	104	41	111	141	113	249
24th „ Brecon	122	85	178	385	58·93	2·07	515	468	257	473	436	385	435
41st „ Cardiff	219	105	303	627	67·59	2·55	893	1,685	715	693	744	627	556
53rd „ Shrewsbury.. ..	148	11	41	200	93·08	2·00	215	258	194	287	217	200	620
Total	1,279	1,182	1,629	4,090	71·41	2·59	4,414	10,107	5,515	6,882	4,669	4,090	7,419

* This column applies only to Recruits raised by agencies under the Officer Commanding the Regimental District, Recruits raised in Recruiting or Artillery Districts being left out of account in arriving at the percentage.

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TABLE 1—*continued.*

Recruiting Area and Headquarters of Districts.	Regular Army.						Militia.	Finally approved for the Regular Army during the past five years.					Number in territorial regiment on 1st Oct., 1906, born in the regimental district.
	For the territorial regiment of the district.	For other Infantry.	For other corps.	Total.	Percentage of Infantry Recruits who joined the territorial regiment of the district.*	Percentage of Recruits who were discharged for medical disability within three months from date of enlistment.		1902.	1903. (9 mths.)	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.	1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905.	1st Oct., 1905, to 30th Sept., 1906.	
SOUTHERN.													
South Midland.													
6th Regtl. Dist., Warwick	117	69	81	267	62·90	1·87	84	429	280	501	252	267	1,780
28th " Bristol . ..	227	162	523	912	58·35	3·50	617	789	399	796	782	912	1,306
29th " Worcester	263	30	103	396	89·76	1·76	172	580	413	382	290	396	812
43rd " Oxford	131	26	113	270	83·43	1·48	361	254	146	211	166	270	601
49th " Reading	222	16	99	337	93·27	1·18	173	383	258	540	275	337	823
Birmingham Recruiting District ..	..	458	313	771	..	2·07	652	1,836	795	1,386	899	771	..
Western Counties.													
Militia and Vol. Arty., Gosport	..	..	36	36	..	13·88	1	28	15	26	30	36	..
Militia and Vol. Arty., Devonport ..	..	34	91	125	..	4·00	91	227	145	136	117	125	..
11th Regtl. Dist., Exeter	147	13	125	285	91·87	2·10	223	366	220	325	367	285	1,220
13th " Taunton	166	62	167	395	72·80	1·51	269	432	298	326	379	395	947
32nd " Bodmin	26	5	41	72	83·87	1·39	181	65	58	84	60	72	163
37th " Winchester.. ..	112	329	687	1,128	25·39	3·54	481	1,012	532	799	843	1,128	1,276
39th " Dorchester	111	14	126	251	88·8	1·59	108	338	126	256	241	251	566
62nd " Devizes	211	9	91	311	95·90	1·92	183	309	234	495	376	311	1,162
Devonport Engineer District	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	13	15	14	..	..
Total	1,733	1,227	2,596	5,556	70·21	2·53	3,596	7,084	3,932	6,278	5,091	5,556	10,656

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Eastern.													
Eastern Counties.													
Militia and Vol. Arty., Yarmouth ..	..	52	102	154	..	1·94	212	117	70	117	141	154	..
9th Regtl. Dist., Norwich	186	103	179	468	64·35	1·49	424	542	326	593	462	468	1,373
12th „ Bury St. Edmunds..	283	173	238	694	62·06	1·58	657	777	520	829	703	694	1,554
16th „ Bedford	168	35	83	286	82·75	1·74	639	379	273	363	284	286	920
44th „ Warley	217	187	293	697	53·71	2·29	507	586	626	871	808	697	1,299
48th „ Northampton ..	168	85	115	368	66·40	1·08	221	408	300	408	327	368	673
Home Counties.													
Militia and Vol. Arty., Dover	..	40	215	255	..	1·56	28	333	245	418	288	255	..
2nd Regtl. Dist., Guildford	103	75	118	296	57·86	2·36	107	432	149	333	342	296	922
3rd „ Canterbury	211	210	468	889	50·11	0·56	379	478	275	549	671	889	855
7th „ Hounslow	360	104	119	583	77·58	2·57	245	462	249	425	421	583	2,503
31st „ Kingston	187	127	136	450	59·55	2·44	320	175	158	424	419	450	813
35th „ Chichester	230	114	375	719	66·86	1·11	332	664	449	666	571	719	1,089
50th „ Maidstone	178	25	105	308	87·68	2·27	158	373	251	323	204	308	936
Chatham (S.M.E.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	90	44	77	63	..	..
Total	2,291	1,330	2,546	6,167	64·91	1·67	4,229	5,816	3,935	6,396	5,704	6,167	12,937
Scottish.													
Highland.													
42nd Regtl. Dist., Perth	269	172	267	708	60·99	4·09	569	786	395	697	544	708	1,123
72nd „ Fort George ..	119	10	16	145	92·24	4·42	110	104	40	79	95	145	408
79th „ Inverness	45	7	29	81	86·53		223	44	48	92	74	81	165
75th „ Aberdeen	153	49	77	279	75·74	2·86	357	225	140	219	249	279	673
91st „ Stirling	118	85	114	317	58·12	3·47	309	341	173	326	390	317	465
Lowland.													
1st Regtl. Dist., Glencorse	70	38	53	161	64·81	6·83	181	121	97	226	234	161	531
21st „ Ayr	64	51	24	139	55·65	2·15	133	138	71	160	141	139	164
25th „ Berwick	73	31	37	141	70·19	1·41	153	165	110	163	19	141	279

* *See* footnote on page 51.

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TABLE 1—*continued.*

Recruiting Area and Headquarters of Districts.	Regular Army. For the territorial regiment of the district.	For other Infantry.	For other corps.	Total.	Percentage of Infantry Recruits who joined the territorial regiment of the district.*	Percentage of Recruits who were discharged for medical disability within three months from date of enlistment.	Militia.	Finally approved for the Regular Army during the past five years. 1902.	1903. (9 mths.)	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.	1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905.	1st Oct., 1905, to 30th Sept., 1906.	Number in territorial regiment on 1st Oct., 1906, born in the regimental district.
SCOTTISH—*continued.*													
Lowland—continued.													
26th Regtl. Dist., Hamilton	58	46	49	153	55·76	1·80	138	491	198	299	183	153	254
71st " Hamilton	92	41	46	179	69·17		116	395	130	222	205	179	418
Glasgow Recruiting District	..	386	375	761	..	1·57	535	1,377	626	828	888	761	..
Edinburgh Recruiting District ..	..	469	248	717	..	2·22	469	1,176	404	848	648	717	..
Total (Scottish Districts).. ..	1,061	1,385	1,335	3,781	66·68	2·85	3,293	5,363	2,432	4,159	3,842	3,781	4,480
IRISH.													
North Irish.													
Militia Artillery, Londonderry	..	32	21	53	..	..	79	45	70	85	59	53	..
27th Regtl. Dist., Omagh	72	12	49	133	85·71	..	264	197	94	151	157	133	543
83rd " Belfast	114	130	118	362	46·72	4·14	914	798	448	620	411	362	734
87th " Armagh	77	44	49	170	63·63	2·94	183	273	192	297	187	170	395
102nd " Naas..	117	19	37	173	86·02	1·15	164	230	141	189	157	173	784
Dublin Recruiting District	..	411	353	764	..	2·48	874	1,232	641	869	1,125	764	..
South Irish.													
Militia Artillery, Cork	..	49	78	127	..	3·93	167	464	188	259	192	127	..
18th Regtl. Dist., Clonmel	123	74	130	327	62·43	2·14	630	473	228	317	264	327	812

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88th „ Galway	87	29	37	153	75·00	5·22	276	177	196	189	141	153	495
100th „ Birr	87	60	67	214	59·18	2·80	645	347	176	278	256	214	567
101st „ Tralee	119	48	96	263	71·25	3·80	763	455	283	350	217	263	1,329
Total (Irish Districts)	796	908	1,035	2,739	65·67	2·81	4,959	4,691	2,652	3,604	3,166	2,739	5,659
London District.													
London Recruiting District	..	3,637	2,606	6,243	..	2·20	4,869	8,332	4,205	4,624	4,545	6,243	..
Woolwich Recruiting District.. ..	..	342	657	999	..	1·40	601	1,501	1,041	1,364	1,024	999	..
57th Regtl. Dist., Mill Hill	301	59	97	457	83·61	3·06	191	349	187	268	340	457	2,500
Total	301	4,038	3,360	7,699	83·61	2·15	5,661	10,182	5,433	6,256	5,909	7,699	2,500
English Districts	6,951	8,847	11,824	27,622	67·78	2·30	20,828	38,440	22,288	31,391	25,993	27,622	43,148
Welsh „	426	196	503	1,125	68·48	2·40	1,600	2,257	1,013	1,277	1,321	1,125	1,240
Scottish „	1,061	1,385	1,335	3,781	66·68	2·85	3,293	5,363	2,432	4,159	3,842	3,781	4,480
Irish „	796	908	1,035	2,739	65·67	2·81	4,959	4,691	2,652	3,604	3,166	2,739	5,659
Total	9,234	11,336	14,697	35,267	67·50	2·40	30,680	50,751	28,385	40,431	34,322	35,267	54,527

N.B.—The above does not include recruits raised at the headquarters of regiments, battalions, batteries, and embodied Militia units stationed outside their Territorial District.

* *See* footnote on page 51.

NOTE ON THE VARIOUS FIGURES GIVEN FOR RECRUITS.

The number of recruits who joined the Regular Army during the year, excluding Colonial Corps and re-enlisted men, was 36,410 (*see* Recruiting Report, p. 3, and Increase and Decrease Table, p. 42).

The above Table shows that 35,267 were raised and finally approved by districts, and the Table on p. 57 shows that 1,113 were raised and finally approved at headquarters of units at home: in addition, 86 were raised at headquarters of units abroad: the total raised being 36.466. Of these, 41 casualties before joining units are accounted for on p. 57, and there were 15 other casualties not accounted for, thus giving the net number of 36,410 joined the Regular Army.

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TABLE 2.—RECRUITING.—The numbers rejected, attested, and finally approved, AT HOME, showing the agencies by which, and the countries in which, the men finally approved were raised.

(*a*) During each year from 1897.

Year.	Recruiting Report.								Agencies by which Men Finally Approved were Raised.													Where Men Finally Approved were Raised.		
	Rejected before Attestation.		Attested.	Rejected after Attestation.		Before final approval.		Finally Approved.*	Head Quarters of Units.	Infantry Regimental Districts.					Artillery Agencies.†	Engineer Agencies.‡	Recruiting Districts under Recruiting Staff Officers.					England and Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.
	By Recruiters.	By Medical Officers.		By Medical Officers	By Approving Officers.	Deserted.	Other losses			Paid Recruiters.	Special Paid Recruiters.	Paid Pensioners.	Ordinary Recruiters.	Total.			Paid Recruiters.	Special Paid Recruiters.	Paid Pensioners.	Ordinary Recruiters.	Total.			
1897	8,945	16,947	38,549	3,269	943	507	59	33,771	910	3,340	669	1,640	13,450	19,099	876	78	1,875	4,992	2,598	3,343	12,808	26,284	3,561	3,926
1898	10,448	17,073	44,347	3,583	1,226	593	55	38,890	1,084	4,520	917	1,772	15,150	22,359	1,086	91	2,209	5,340	3,118	3,603	14,270	30,764	3,950	4,176
1899	8,618	16,174	46,731	3,829	1,302	717	156	40,727	1,219	4,353	936	2,376	15,748	23,413	984	93	3,571	3,933	3,511	4,003	15,018	32,307	4,420	4,000
1900	8,319	16,006	54,047	3,534	1,434	733	225	48,121	1,137	3,652	1,625	5,372	14,878	25,527	1,559	199	3,009	3,163	7,646	5,876	19,694	38,689	5,336	4,091
1901	14,508	15,783	52,337	3,454	1,533	810	235	46,305	1,500	4,441	1,544	5,894	13,484	25,363	1,168	155	3,803	2,765	6,965	4,586	18,119	37,283	5,211	3,811
1902	14,310	18,625	60,098	4,285	1,958	782	176	52,897	1,936	5,143	1,806	7,587	15,011	29,547	1,622	112	3,105	2,484	8,522	5,527	19,638	42,438	5,484	4,933
1903 (1st 9 months) ...	10,210	11,771	34,234	2,602	1,418	522	175	29,517	1,190	3,202	819	4,196	8,634	18,041	1,012	57	1,711	1,273	4,439	3,042	10,465	24,601	2,268	2,706
Year ending 30th Sept., 1904.	23,970	16,342	49,512	3,985	2,477	693	316	42,041	1,610	4,704	1,232	5,454	14,825	26,215	1,310	92	2,445	1,534	4,860	3,975	12,814	34,186	4,166	3,689
Year ending 30th Sept., 1905.	20,382	17,681	42,986	3,894	2,633	491	417	35,551	1,239	3,666	1,062	4,214	13,204	22,146	1,084	76	1,961	1,601	3,457	3,997	11,016	28,483	3,855	3,223

* These numbers do not take into account certain casualties which take place before recruits join their units, and do not quite agree with the "recruits joined" shown in the Increase and Decrease Table on pages 42 and 43.

† Under officers commanding Militia and Volunteer Artillery Districts.

‡ Under Commanding Royal Engineers of Districts.

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RECRUITING AND CASUALTIES.

(*b*) For the twelve months ending 30th September, 1906.

Offered for Enlistment			108,769
Rejected before being served with Notice Papers :—			
For Physical reasons		20,397	
For other reasons		5,217	
			25,614
Served with Notice Papers			83,155
Casualties before Attestation :—			
Examined by Recruiters or Recruiting Officers..	80,931		
Rejected by Recruiters or Recruiting Officers :—			
For Physical reasons		16,834	
For other reasons		2,103	
Examined by Medical Officers	52,316		
Rejected for Physical reasons by Medical Officers		15,440	
Failure to appear for Attestation		4,665	
Other casualties before Attestation		569	
			39,611
Attested			43,544
Casualties after Attestation :—			
Examined by Medical Officers	12,746		
Rejected for Physical reasons by Medical Officers		3,807	
Examined by Approving Officers..	38,726		
Rejected by Approving Officers :—			
For Physical reasons		101	
For other reasons		2,691	
Deserted		380	
Other casualties before final approval		185	
			7,164
Finally Approved			36,380
Deserted after final approval before joining unit ..		26	
Other casualties before joining unit		15	
			41
Joined unit			36,339
Raised in Infantry Regimental Districts :—			
Paid Recruiters		3,549	
Special Paid Recruiters		979	
Paid Pensioner Recruiters		4,569	
Ordinary Recruiters		13,278	
Militia and Volunteer Artillery Agencies		955	
Raised by Recruiting Staff Officers :—			
Paid Recruiters		1,568	
Special Paid Recruiters		1,910	
Paid Pensioner Recruiters		3,712	
Ordinary Recruiters		4,747	
Raised at Headquarters		1,113	
			36,380
Country in which raised :—			
England		29,791	
Scotland		3,782	
Ireland		2,807	
			36,380

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RECRUITING AND CASUALTIES.

TABLE 3.—AVERAGE HEIGHTS, CHEST MEASUREMENTS and WEIGHTS of RECRUITS (excluding those for Colonial Corps) who were re-measured after completing 6 months' service during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1906, as compared with the average measurements of the same men on enlistment.

—	Number of Men Re-measured.	Average Heights.		Average Maximum Chest Measurements.		Average Weights.	
		On Enlistment.	After 6 months' service.	On Enlistment.	After 6 months' service.	On Enlistment.	After 6 months' service.
		ft. in.	ft. in.	inches.	inches.	lbs.	lbs.
Household Cavalry ..	133	5 11·48	5 11·78	37·46	37·90	150·32	155·34
Cavalry of the Line ..	2,593	5 6·15	5 6·70	35·78	36·61	128·22	136·08
Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	4,508	5 5·82	5 6·13	35·93	36·62	129·70	136·76
Royal Garrison Artillery	1,448	5 8·72	5 9·81	36·64	37·52	138·56	149·36
Royal Engineers.. ..	837	5 7·39	5 8·81	36·39	37·01	135·44	145·52
Foot Guards	1,442	5 9·07	9·49	37·09	38·25	142·53	152·12
Infantry of the Line ..	15,351	5 5·30	5 5·98	34·87	36·07	122·59	132·23
Army Service Corps ..	1,183	5 3·43	5 3·68	35·45	36·04	121·33	127·23
Royal Army Medical Corps.	491	5 6·08	5 6·35	35·06	35·51	125·37	131·97
Army Ordnance Corps ..	128	5 5·68	5 7·03	35·59	36·13	127·42	136·61

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TABLE 4.—NUMBER of RECRUITS taken on the strength of Corps for each Arm for the year ending 30th September, 1906, and for all Arms for each year from 1897, showing the numbers who became Non-effective from various causes within Three Months of the Date of Enlistment.

—	Number of Recruits joined. (a)	Casualties within three months of Date of Enlistment.									Total serving on Army Engagement at the expiration of Three Months from the Date of Enlistment.	Proportion of net casualties per 1,000 Recruits joined.
		Died.	Deserted.‖	Claimed Discharge under Sec. 81, Army Act.	Discharged for Fraudulent Enlistment or for making false answers on attestation.	Discharged as not likely to become efficient Soldiers.		Discharged for other causes.	Total. casualties.	Rejoined from desertion.		
						For Medical reasons.	For other reasons.					
Household Cavalry	169	—	1	10	—	2	3	2	18	—	151	106·5
Cavalry of the Line	3,666	—	74	175	6	22	79	88	444	2	3,224	120·6
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	4,839	2	116	61	14	50	36	54	363	58	4,534	63·0
Royal Garrison Artillery ...	1,759	1	51	38	3	46	38	53	230	—	1,529	130·8
Royal Engineers	1,018(b)	1	3	14	—	7	17	31	73	—	945	71·7
Foot Guards	1,714	—	11	71	3	30	23	26	164	—	1,550	95·7
Infantry	20,774	10	226	482	112	200	357	414	1,801	9	18,982	86·3
Army Service Corps... ...	1,274	1	8	8	2	15	19	27	80	3	1,197	60·3
Army Ordnance Corps ...	214	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	213	4·7
Royal Army Medical Corps	873	—	3	9	—	—	11	14	37	—	836	42·4
Total for year ending 30th Sept., 1906 ...	36,300(b)	15	523	868	140	372	583	710	3,211	72	33,161	86·5
1897	33,475	19	737	1,225	186	514		543	3,224	—	30,251	96·31
1898	38,279	19	906	1,668	220	362		660	3,835	—	34,444	100·19
1899*	32,143	33	827	1,038†	167	384		656	3,105	—	29,038	*
1900*	44,685	70	1,499	24†	175	461		873	3,102	—	41,583	*
1901*	41,532	28	1,752	26†	252	719		1,108	3,885	—	37,647	*
1902	50,749	31	1,703	933†	221	1,382		1,359	5,629	—	45,120	110·92
1903 (1st Jan. to 30th Sept.)	29,130‡	12‡	605‡	590‡	122‡	645‡		650‡	2,624‡	—	26,506‡	90·08
1903–4 (1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904)... ...	41,008	14	511	766	170	1,001		906	3,368	—	37,640	82·13
1904–5 (1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905).. ...	35,306	16	497	830	155	1,597		699	3,794	—	31,512	107·47
Proportion per 1,000—												
Year ending 30th Sept., 1905...	1,000	·45	14·08	23·51	4·39	45·24		19·80	107·47	—	892·53	—
Year ending 30th Sept., 1906...	1,000	·41	14·41	23·91	3·86	10·25	16·06	19·56	88·46	1·99	913·53	—

* The numbers for these years are incomplete.
‡ Figures for nine months only.
(a) This table now includes the numbers at home and abroad, whereas in previous years the number at home only has been shown.
(b) Does not include 110 men enlisted and at once passed to the Reserve.
† Discharges by purchase were suspended during the South African War, October, 1899, to May, 1902.
‖ The figures from 1897 to 1904–5 show the number deserted and not rejoined.

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TABLE 5.—RECRUITS JOINED by Arms, showing terms of

—		Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Artillery. Horse and Field.	Royal Artillery. Garrison.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.
1897	Long service ..	150	85	99	82	86	67
	Short service 7 years..	—	2,341	3,458	2,718	472	710
	Short service 3 „ ..	—	—	—	—	259	1,285
	Total	150	2,426	3,557	2,800	817	2,062
1898	Long service ..	121	102	114	149	105	91
	Short service 7 years..	—	3,676	3,235	3,035	713	717
	Short service 3 „ ..	—	—	—	—	241	1,475
	Total	121	3,778	3,349	3,184	1,059	2,283
1899	Long service ..	145	88	194	195	73	51
	Short service 7 years..	—	4,705	3,811	2,952	965	665
	Short service 3 „ ..	—	—	—	—	364	1,439
	Short service 1 year ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total	145	4,793	4,005	3,147	1,402	2,155
1900	Long service ..	312	84	307	122	125	53
	Short service 7 years..	—	6,718	6,912	2,919	1,514	992
	Short service 3 „ ..	—	—	—	—	541	1,420
	Short service 1 „ ..	—	10,242‡	722	—	469	—
	Total	312	17,044	7,941	3,041	2,649	2,465
1901	Long service ..	201	112	163	152	130	82
	Short service 7 years..	—	6,243	6,674	2,699	1,287	815
	Short service 3 „ ..	—	10	—	—	393	1,401
	Short service 1 „ ..	—	16,597‡	75	—	828	—
	Total	201	22,962	6,912	2,851	2,638	2,298
1902	Long service ..	149	127	169	164	98	59
	Short service 7 years..	—	1,913	2,092	762	440	227
	Short service 3 „ ..	—	4,138	6,270	2,556	1,035	1,548
	Short service 1 „ ..	—	7,035‡	62	—	163	—
	Total	149	13,213	8,593	3,482	1,736	1,834
1.1.03 to 30.9.03	Long service ..	49†	97†	224†	138†	42†	68†
	Short service 3 years..	—	247†	2,192†	2,783†	723†	1,076†
	Short service 2 „ ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total	49†	344†	2,416†	2,921†	765†	1,144†
1.10.03 to 30.9.04	Long service ..	25	99	211	173	75	99
	Short service 8 years..	89	—	—	—	—	—
	Short service 3 „ ..	—	390	2,142	3,672	1,037	1,897
	Short service 2 „ ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total	114	489	2,353	3,845	1,112	1,996

* Various terms of enlistment. ‡ Imperial Yeomanry.

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enlistment, and RE-ENLISTED MEN from 1897 to 1905–6.

Infantry of the Line.	Colonial Corps.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	Total (excluding Colonial Corps).	Total (including Colonial Corps).	Re-enlisted Men.
864	485	23	11	33	—	1,500	1,985	—
20,173	808*	—	123	63	—	30,058	33,030	—
—		499	115	—	6	2,164		—
21,037	1,293	522	249	96	6	33,722	35,015	—
901	820	25	11	46	—	1,665	2,485	—
19,022	1,491*	—	273	133	—	30,804	38,244	—
3,515		441	268	—	9	5,949		—
23,438	2,311	466	552	179	9	38,418	40,729	—
805	423	52	11	56	—	1,670	2,093	—
19,006	2,070*	—	310	117	—	32,531	40,607	—
2,930		905	260	—	68	5,966		—
—	—	—	40	—	—	40		—
22,741	2,493	957	621	173	68	40,207	42,700	—
964	593	62	30	48	—	2,107	2,700	—
18,214	967*	—	392	313	—	37,974	71,009	—
3,322		1,748	353	—	235	7,619		—
12,232§		—	784	—	—	24,449		—
34,732	1,560	1,810	1,559	361	235	72,149	73,709	24,652
976	281	95	20	73	—	2,004	2,285	—
15,690	1,601*	—	412	383	—	34,203	68,127	—
5,482		1,008	656	—	—	8,950		—
4,748		—	886	—	239	23,373		—
26,896	1,882	1,103	1,974	456	239	68,530	70,412	5,239
896	423	167	10	55	—	1,894	2,317	—
4,270	501*	—	122	91	—	9,917	59,933	—
21,228		1,129	847	191	—	38,942		—
2,449		611	213	—	40	10,573		—
28,843	924	1,907	1,192	337	40	61,326	62,250	2,790
731†	27†	125†	—	50†	—	1,524†	1,551†	—
19,381†	479*†	358†	715†	81†	—	27,556†	28,279†	—
—		244†	—	—	—	244†		—
20,112†	506†	727†	715†	131†	—	29,324†	29,830†	1,196†
974	55	67	16	74	—	1,813	1,868	—
—	737*	—	—	—	—	89	40,203	—
28,768		261	282	101	—	38,550		—
—		827	—	—	—	827		—
29,742	792	1,155	298	175	—	41,279	42,071	571

† Figures for 9 months only. § Includes 1,664 C.I.V.

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TABLE 5.—RECRUITS JOINED by Arms, showing terms of

—		Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Artillery. Horse and Field.	Royal Artillery. Garrison.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.
1.10.04 to 30.9.05	Long service ..	1	98	201	165	86	73
	Short service: 9 years..	—	—	—	1,024	—	—
	8 „ ..	122	2,102	—	—	—	—
	7 „ ..	—	110	—	—	—	—
	3 „ ..	—	65	3,622	1,228	469	2,139
	2 „ ..	—	—	—	—	95	—
	Total	123	2,375	3,823	2,417	650	2,212
1.10.05 to 30.9.06	Long service ..	4	136	192	170	67	48
	Short service: 9 years..	—	—	—	1,386	—	—
	8 „ ..	165	2	—	200	—	—
	7 „ ..	—	3,528	—	—	—	—
	6 „ ..	—	—	304	—	—	—
	3 „ ..	—	—	4,343	3	680	1,666
	2 „ ..	—	—	—	—	381	—
	1 „ ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total	169	3,666	4,839	1,759	1,128	1,714

* Various terms of enlistment. ‡ Imperial Yeomanry.

NOTES ON TERMS OF ENLISTMENT.

(i) *Terms of Enlistment on 1st October*, 1905.

Long Service: 12 years with the colours.
Short Service:—

	With the Colours.	In the Reserve.
Household Cavalry	8	4
Cavalry of the Line	7	5
Horse and Field Artillery	3	9
Garrison Artillery: artificers	3	9
Garrison Artillery: others	9	3
Royal Engineers: dismounted.. ..	3	9
Royal Engineers: mounted	2	10
Foot Guards	3	9
Infantry of the Line	9	3
Army Service Corps: drivers	2	10
Army Service Corps: others	3	9
Royal Army Medical Corps	3	9
Army Ordnance Corps	3	9

Railway, Telegraph and Submarine Mining Reserve of the Royal Engineers, and Army Post Office Corps, 3 years with the colours* and 3 in the reserve. Short Service in the Royal Malta Artillery was for 7 years with the colours and 5 in the reserve, and in other Colonial Corps for periods of 3 and 5 years with the colours and no reserve service.

(ii) *Changes introduced during the year ended 30th September*, 1906.

Under Special Army Order dated 20th October, 1905, short service of 2 years with the colours and 10 years with the reserve was tentatively introduced for certain regiments of Infantry of the Line (Army Order 204, 1905). This Order was cancelled on February 1st, 1906 (Army Order 29, 1906).

By Army Order 137, June 1906, an additional term of service of 1 year with the colours and 11 with the reserve was introduced for the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Under Special Army Order, dated 3rd August, 1906, short service in the Horse and Field Artillery became 6 years with the colours and 6 with the reserve; in the Royal Garrison Artillery, 8 years with the colours and 4 with the reserve; Infantry of the Line, 7 years with the colours and 5 with the reserve (Army Order 209, 1906).

(iii) *Previous changes since the introduction of short service.*

The Army Enlistment Act of 1870, under which recruiting for short service was first authorised, was promulgated by Army Circular dated 10th August, 1870.

General Order 34 of 1874 defined the proportions in which recruits for long and short service respectively were permitted to be enlisted for the several arms of the service.

Under General Orders 51 of 1874 and 53 of 1875 recruits for the Royal Artillery and Foot Guards were permitted to be enlisted for long and short service indiscriminately.

* The 3 years with the colours are converted into reserve service immediately on enlistment.

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enlistment, and RE-ENLISTED MEN from 1897 to 1905-6 (*continued*).

Infantry of the Line.	Colonial Corps.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	Total (excluding Colonial Corps)	Total (including Colonial Corps)	Re-enlisted Men.
931	113	85	13	48	—	1,701	1,814	—
19,292		—	—	—	—	20,316		—
—		—	—	—	—	2,224		—
—	360*	—	—	—	—	110	34,010	—
1,947		137	559	59	15	10,240		—
—		665	—	—	—	760		—
22,170	473	887	572	107	15	35,351	35,824	139
968	303	59	8	70	—	1,722	2,025	—
16,324		—	—	—	—	17,710		—
—		—	—	—	—	367		—
3,241		—	—	—	—	6,769		—
—	386*	—	—	—	—	304	35,074	—
—		93	544	144	—	7,473		—
241		1,122	—	—	—	1,744		—
—		—	321	—	—	321		—
20,774	689	1,274	873	214	—	36,410	37,099	1,266‖

† Figures for 9 months only. § Includes 1,664 C.I.V.

‖ Includes 1,078 men discharged from the Royal Garrison Regiment and re enlisted for service in the Infantry.

Under Army Circulars 1874 (Cl. 67) short service in the Cavalry, Artillery, and Engineers consisted of 8 years with the colours and 4 years with the reserve, and in the Infantry and Army Service Corps of 6 years with the colours and 6 years with the reserve.

Under General Order 18 of 1878 all enlistments for Infantry of the Line, except men specially enlisted and boys under 16 years of age, were to be for short service.

Under General Order 80 of 1881 short service consisted of 7 years with the colours and 5 years with the reserve. This Order also defines the class of, and corps for which, men were to be enlisted for long service.

Under General Order 90 of 1883 short service in the Foot Guards consisted of 3 years with the colours and 9 years with the reserve.

Under General Order 66 of 1887 short service in the Royal Engineers consisted of 7 years with the colours and 5 years in the reserve, or 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve; and in the Army Service Corps and Medical Staff Corps of 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve.

Under Army Order 254 of 1890 short service in the Foot Guards consisted of 7 years with the colours and 5 years in the reserve, or 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve.

Under Army Order 11 of 1891 short service in the Medical Staff Corps consisted of 7 years with the colours and 5 years in the reserve, or 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve.

Under Army Order 60 of 1898 short service recruits for the Infantry of the Line were permitted to be enlisted to a limited extent for 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve.

Under Army Order 73 of 1902 short service in Cavalry of the Line, Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, Foot Guards, Infantry of the Line, Army Service Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps, and Army Ordnance Corps consists of 3 years with the colours and 9 in the reserve.

From 1st February, 1903, Drivers for the Army Service Corps were enlisted for 2 years with the colours and 10 years in the reserve (Army Order 31 of 1903).

From 15th December, 1903, short service recruits were enlisted for the Household Cavalry, the term being 8 years with the colours and 4 in the reserve (Army Order 209 of 1903).

Under Special Army Order dated 20th October, 1904, short service in the Infantry of the Line became 9 years with the colours and 3 in the reserve.

Under Special Army Order dated 27th December, 1904, short service in the Cavalry of the Line became 8 years with the colours and 4 in the reserve; and under Army Order 168 of September, 1905, it became 7 years with the colours and 5 in the reserve.

Under Special Army Order of 9th January, 1905, short service in the Royal Garrison Artillery became 9 years with the colours and 3 in the reserve, except for Artificers, for whom it remained 3 years with the colours and 9 in the reserve.

Under Army Order 74 of April, 1905, short service for Drivers of the Royal Engineers became (from 15th April, 1905) 2 years with the colours and 10 in the reserve.

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TABLE 6.—AGES on attestation of RECRUITS taken on the strength of the Regular Army during the Year ending 30th September, 1906.

—	Under 15 years.	15 to 16 years.	16 to 17 years.	17 to 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	21 to 22 years.	22 to 23 years.	23 to 24 years.	24 to 25 years.	25 and upwards.	Not reported.	Total.
Household Cavalry ..	1	5	—	—	58	45	35	13	7	2	3	—	—	169
Cavalry of the Line ..	70	43	23	8	914	1,387	632	255	188	80	53	12	1	3,666
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	108	61	23	17	2,105	1,080	582	323	247	152	128	7	6	4,839
Royal Garrison Artillery	69	30	9	5	493	382	247	158	138	97	101	23	7	1,759
Royal Engineers ..	43	12	11	1	276	217	156	130	90	62	73	57	—	1,128
Foot Guards	22	19	3	3	621	389	220	150	98	81	101	6	1	1,714
Infantry of the Line ..	464	476	81	144	11,583	3,600	1,781	989	722	467	394	49	24	20,774
Colonial Corps	12	7	1	5	47	91	104	98	86	71	46	91	30	689
Army Service Corps ..	38	15	6	3	677	259	107	72	39	34	19	5	—	1,274
Royal Army Medical Corps	6	2	—	1	430	157	79	48	48	29	28	45	—	873
Army Ordnance Corps ..	12	14	4	3	56	23	28	15	23	20	9	7	—	214
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Army Post Office Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	845	684	161	190	17,260	7,630	3,971	2,251	1,686	1,095	955	302	69	37,099

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TABLE 7.—Ages on attestation of the RECRUITS taken on the strength of the Regular Army in each Year from 1897.

Year.	Under 17 years.			17 and under 18 years.	18 and under 19 years.	19 and under 20 years.	20 and under 21 years.	21 and under 22 years.	22 and under 23 years.	23 and under 24 years.	24 and under 25 years.	25 years and upwards.	Not reported.	Total.
1897	1,367			189	16,083	7,405	3,544	2,514	1,733	1,054	765	206	174	35,034 ‡
1898	1,530			212	17,362	8,538	4,242	2,758	2,162	1,313	950	193	1,461	40,701 ‡
1899*	—			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42,660 ‡
1900*	—			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	49,260 ‡
1901*	—			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	47,039 ‡
1902	1,593			604	21,066	9,652	5,906	3,893	2,978	1,750	1,498	764	1,973	51,677 ‡
1st Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903	1,499†			156†	13,127†	5,852†	3,335†	2,160†	1,450†	1,099†	952†	1,338†	58†	31,026†‡
1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904	1,789			132	19,567	7,955	4,373	2,848	2,098	1,590	1,384	906	—	42,642 ‡
	Under 15 years.	15 and under 16 years.	16 and under 17 years.											
1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905	886	668	120	113	15,979	7,406	3,786	2,260	1,680	1,211	1,109	202	404	35,824
1st Oct., 1905, to 30th Sept., 1906	845	684	161	190	17,260	7,630	3,971	2,251	1,686	1,095	955	302	69	37,099

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War. † Figures for 9 months only. ‡ Includes re-enlisted men.

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TABLE 8—TRADES of men offering for enlistment.

(a) UNSKILLED LABOUR.

—		Command. Aldershot	Southern	Eastern	Irish	Scottish	Northern	Western	London District	Channel Islands	Total.
Outdoor.											
Labourers—											
Agricultural, *i.e.* Farm Labourers	Inspections	113	1,636	2,240	1,654	751	809	631	360	11	8,205
	Rejections ...	43	524	636	477	199	228	176	111	5	2,399
Builders	Inspections	57	457	397	186	82	209	121	538	3	2,050
	Rejections ...	27	137	130	70	36	59	28	197	2	686
Plumbers	Inspections	—	6	37	4	3	7	1	52	—	110
	Rejections ...	—	1	9	2	1	3	—	18	—	34
Painters	Inspections	—	24	11	2	—	3	—	11	—	51
	Rejections ...	—	8	3	—	—	2	—	3	—	16
Workers in Clay, Sand, Gravel, &c	Inspections	16	213	181	70	58	150	144	30	19	881
	Rejections ...	5	72	75	21	20	69	36	10	6	314
Coalheavers (not Coal Miners)	Inspections	2	25	46	11	21	165	100	42	—	412
	Rejections ...	—	9	19	1	7	27	25	15	—	103
Engineers	Inspections	—	2	16	12	6	9	10	179	—	234
	Rejections ...	—	—	5	2	3	1	3	59	—	73
Cement Workers ...	Inspections	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
	Rejections ..	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Coopers	Inspections	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Railway Companies—											
Platelayers, &c.	Inspections	3	82	59	26	36	83	70	148	—	507
	Rejections ...	2	29	25	7	10	30	14	61	—	178
Contractors, Navvies, &c.	Inspections	5	37	32	7	7	26	20	24	—	158
	Rejections ...	2	15	9	1	4	10	5	12	—	58
Wharf and Dock	Inspections	2	132	64	117	35	136	147	203	5	841
	Rejections ...	1	36	14	41	8	45	42	76	1	264
Indoor.											
Labourers, Factory—											
General	Inspections	6	218	30	12	35	99	65	861	—	1,326
	Rejections ...	1	66	12	3	10	29	17	352	—	490
Chemical	Inspections	—	—	—	—	—	11	14	40	—	65
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	15	—	20
Dyer	Inspections	—	—	—	—	5	21	1	—	—	27
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	1	7	1	—	—	9
Glass	Inspections	—	13	—	—	1	24	4	41	—	83
	Rejections ...	—	3	—	—	—	7	—	10	—	20
Leather	Inspections	—	6	238	—	—	86	56	7	—	393
	Rejections ...	—	2	76	—	—	42	15	4	—	139
Lead	Inspections	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Match	Inspections	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	14
	Rejections ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	6
Metal	Inspections	5	241	15	3	12	403	122	110	—	911
	Rejections ...	2	83	5	1	1	119	35	38	—	284
Mill (General)	Inspections	1	1	13	2	36	63	—	22	—	138
	Rejections ...	—	—	4	—	5	27	—	13	—	49
Paint	Inspections	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	10
	Rejections ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	4
Rubber	Inspections	—	1	—	—	1	2	—	4	—	8
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Sugar	Inspections	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
Textile	Inspections	—	40	4	17	113	220	144	65	—	603
	Rejections ...	—	16	1	8	29	95	41	25	—	215
Tinplate	Inspections	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11
	Rejections ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Brass Moulder	Inspections	—	48	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	51
	Rejections ...	—	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15
Ordnance and Arsenal ...	Inspections	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	54	—	57
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	—	22
Small Arms	Inspections	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	Rejections ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Labourers—											
Smith	Inspections	—	4	7	2	3	16	5	20	—	57
	Rejections ...	—	1	2	—	2	2	1	5	—	13
Firemen	Inspections	1	12	12	1	5	26	29	37	1	124
	Rejections ...	1	1	3	—	2	7	8	16	—	38
Gasworks	Inspections	1	—	1	—	1	4	—	1	1	9
	Rejections ...	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	4
Brewery	Inspections	—	2	1	1	6	2	—	13	—	25
	Rejections ...	—	—	1	—	5	1	—	9	—	16
Tannery	Inspections	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Printers	Inspections	1	4	9	1	4	4	1	206	1	231
	Rejections ...	—	1	—	1	1	1	—	87	—	91
General Casuals.											
(a) Town	Inspections	60	1,137	1,653	627	1,089	2,230	1,636	2,044	3	10,479
	Rejections ...	20	368	515	243	436	833	545	733	2	3,695
(b) Country	Inspections	31	252	780	174	262	202	226	701	—	2,628
	Rejections ...	12	74	243	72	92	58	53	238	—	842
Total	Inspections	304	4,607	5,860	2,929	2,573	5,016	3,547	5,838	44	30,718
	Rejections ...	117	1,464	1,791	950	873	1,705	1,048	2,142	16	10,106

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Table 8.—Trades of men offering for enlistment—*continued.*

(*b*) Skilled Labour.

—		Command.									Total.
		Aldershot	Southern	Eastern	Irish	Scottish	Northern	Western	London District	Channel Islands	
General.											
Bricklayers	Inspections...	12	78	151	28	27	135	66	147	—	644
	Rejections ...	5	22	53	3	6	45	15	53	—	202
Carpenters	Inspections...	14	255	223	141	108	187	128	463	7	1,526
	Rejections ...	9	92	68	43	37	65	39	174	2	529
Plasterers	Inspections...	2	18	6	4	6	13	23	2	—	74
	Rejections ...	—	7	2	2	3	9	5	1	—	29
Plumbers	Inspections...	5	67	36	19	44	47	27	55	5	305
	Rejections ...	1	24	6	9	12	18	9	17	1	97
Painters	Inspections...	7	111	148	56	49	87	53	275	1	787
	Rejections ...	3	44	46	16	19	32	17	91	1	269
Polishers	Inspections...	1	17	6	6	2	9	3	2	—	46
	Rejections ...	1	4	2	1	—	3	—	1	—	12
Masons	Inspections...	4	48	25	27	59	40	34	56	1	294
	Rejections ...	1	21	7	12	24	14	9	20	—	108
Slaters	Inspections...	—	1	1	—	16	8	1	1	—	28
	Rejections ...	—	1	—	—	5	1	—	—	—	7
Barbers	Inspections...	—	—	1	2	8	2	—	1	—	14
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	5
Bakers	Inspections...	20	216	232	61	100	94	81	325	4	1,133
	Rejections ...	9	81	88	21	31	31	27	118	—	406
Butchers	Inspections...	21	213	213	41	63	151	122	249	7	1,080
	Rejections ...	7	60	63	12	24	40	33	86	2	327
Coopers	Inspections...	—	1	4	4	14	2	3	—	—	28
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	3	5	—	1	—	—	9
Cabinet Makers	Inspections...	—	9	4	3	19	4	—	41	2	82
	Rejections ...	—	3	1	1	7	2	—	19	—	33
Coachbuilders and Wheelwrights	Inspections...	—	17	13	4	1	11	2	1	—	49
	Rejections ...	—	5	6	1	1	2	—	1	—	16
Mechanics	Inspections...	1	6	30	3	22	11	—	25	—	98
	Rejections ...	—	3	8	1	8	4	—	10	—	34
Printers	Inspections...	6	33	54	11	33	24	36	48	—	245
	Rejections ...	5	12	16	7	11	8	10	21	—	90
Sawyers	Inspections...	—	7	4	—	8	4	1	1	—	25
	Rejections ...	—	2	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	6
Saddle and Harness Makers	Inspections...	2	34	22	17	6	11	4	4	—	100
	Rejections ...	—	11	11	3	1	2	—	1	—	29
Shoemakers...	Inspections...	8	98	190	77	49	105	89	201	1	818
	Rejections ...	1	25	69	19	18	29	30	76	—	267
Smiths and Farriers ...	Inspections...	17	244	235	87	88	189	185	493	4	1,542
	Rejections ...	6	64	64	29	29	60	33	176	1	462
Rivetters and Fitters ...	Inspections...	15	123	71	38	35	81	60	132	—	555
	Rejections ...	6	40	20	12	11	30	23	51	—	193
Upholsterers	Inspections...	—	3	3	—	4	1	3	2	—	16
	Rejections ...	—	1	--	—	—	—	3	—	—	4
Watchmakers and Jewellers	Inspections...	—	14	3	—	5	2	2	—	—	26
	Rejections ...	—	3	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	6
Tailors	Inspections...	6	72	65	105	72	76	44	138	3	581
	Rejections ...	4	25	18	40	22	21	15	50	—	195
Brewery	Inspections...	—	2	3	—	5	2	1	—	—	13
	Rejections ...	—	1	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	4
Engineers	Inspections...	1	21	47	5	62	41	25	29	—	231
	Rejections ...	—	6	13	2	18	14	7	9	—	69
Engine Drivers	Inspections...	1	22	20	3	3	10	26	—	1	86
	Rejections ...	—	8	2	—	—	3	4	—	—	17
Firemen	Inspections...	—	2	5	1	17	7	2	13	—	47
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	6	4	1	6	—	17
Gardeners	Inspections...	—	2	57	—	3	9	3	1	30	105
	Rejections ...	—	1	15	—	—	1	1	—	8	26
Shipwrights	Inspections...	—	2	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	7
	Rejections ...	—	--	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
Tanners	Inspections...	—	1	—	10	2	2	—	—	—	15
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	5	1	—	—	—	—	6
Smiths (Tin)	Inspections...	—	7	1	3	4	—	—	—	—	15
	Rejections ...	—	3	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	6
Miners—											
Coal	Inspections...	3	121	4	5	379	908	757	6	—	2,183
	Rejections ...	—	33	1	—	108	303	197	2	—	644
Various	Inspections...	—	3	—	—	10	1	—	3	—	17
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	—	4
Millers	Inspections...	—	1	3	—	4	—	1	1	—	1
	Rejections ...	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	20

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Table 8.—Trades of men offering for enlistment—*continued.*

(*b*) Skilled Labour—*continued.*

—		Command.									Total.
		Aldershot	Southern	Eastern	Irish	Scottish	Northern	Western	London District	Channel Islands	
Indoor.											
Skilled Factory Workers—											
Various	Inspections...	11	165	79	39	110	422	85	70	1	982
	Rejections ...	3	51	23	12	41	154	23	26	1	334
Bootworks	Inspections...	—	—	19	—	—	3	—	—	—	22
	Rejections ...	—	—	11	—	—	1	—	—	—	12
Brushmakers	Inspections...	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	5
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Glass	Inspections...	—	4	—	—	5	1	2	2	—	14
	Rejections ...	—	2	—	—	3	—	2	—	—	7
Leather	Inspections...	—	—	2	—	3	—	—	3	—	8
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	3
Metal	Inspections...	—	82	39	31	191	307	187	20	—	857
	Rejections ...	—	14	9	7	54	112	70	5	—	271
Rubber	Inspections...	—	—	—	—	6	—	1	—	—	7
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	4
Textile	Inspections...	—	29	10	35	40	92	45	10	—	261
	Rejections ...	—	16	3	15	18	27	10	2	—	91
Skilled Labour—Various...	Inspections...	2	10	23	9	12	49	2	22	—	129
	Rejections ...	—	2	6	2	3	19	1	9	—	42
Total	Inspections...	159	2,159	2,059	876	1,694	3,148	2,104	2,844	67	15,110
	Rejections ...	61	688	634	280	548	1,056	585	1,029	16	4,897

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Table 8.—Trades of men offering for enlistment—*continued.*

(*c*) Occupations classified separately.

—		Command.									Total.
		Aldershot	Southern	Eastern	Irish	Scottish	Northern	Western	London District	Channel Islands	
Carmen and Carters (Town)	Inspections...	38	342	682	194	430	426	237	1,718	5	4,072
	Rejections ...	16	89	191	68	149	147	67	647	—	1,374
Costermongers and Hawkers	Inspections...	5	46	93	28	29	91	35	227	—	554
	Rejections ...	2	10	34	14	10	33	11	91	—	205
Fishermen	Inspections...	—	—	4	1	3	—	5	—	—	13
	Rejections ...	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	3
Boatmen	Inspections...	1	—	37	10	17	37	2	3	4	111
	Rejections ...	—	—	9	5	5	8	—	2	1	30
Porters—											
General—Heavy... ...	Inspections...	7	66	93	59	6	16	16	600	1	864
	Rejections ...	4	12	29	21	1	8	8	226	—	304
,, Light	Inspections...	3	101	103	184	43	31	30	647	2	1,144
	Rejections ...	1	27	29	80	18	10	11	253	1	430
Telegraph Messengers and Postmen	Inspections...	1	20	30	15	12	22	12	109	—	221
	Rejections ...	—	5	11	4	5	11	5	21	—	62
Railway Porters	Inspections...	4	48	37	25	31	26	21	147	—	339
	Rejections ...	1	9	10	7	9	7	6	54	—	103
Ships' Stewards	Inspections...	2	3	1	—	—	2	—	4	1	13
	Rejections ...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
Domestic Servants—											
Indoor	Inspections...	16	221	268	88	33	102	45	339	4	1,116
	Rejections ...	7	80	110	24	13	29	12	139	1	415
Outdoor	Inspections...	44	431	402	172	110	196	212	495	7	2,069
	Rejections ...	11	138	108	41	35	60	60	168	5	626
Tradesmen's Assistants—											
Indoor	Inspections...	42	212	394	179	268	235	125	683	6	2,144
	Rejections ...	13	77	122	76	105	83	45	286	—	807
Outdoor	Inspections...	13	79	122	2	—	42	19	322	—	599
	Rejections ...	1	24	31	—	—	18	4	133	—	211
Builder's Assistant ...	Inspections...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barmen and Cellarmen ...	Inspections...	12	25	45	9	21	47	16	360	—	535
	Rejections ...	5	6	19	2	8	25	6	169	—	241
Clerks	Inspections...	68	240	232	345	116	251	157	842	11	2,262
	Rejections ...	15	66	66	100	32	80	31	298	1	692
Various	Inspections...	1	31	31	9	18	4	25	10	2	134
	Rejections ...	—	10	10	2	3	1	8	2	1	37
Total	Inspections...	257	1,865	2,577	1,320	1,137	1,528	957	6,506	43	16,190
	Rejections ...	77	554	780	444	394	521	27	2,489	11	5,543

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Table 8.—Trades of men offering for enlistment—*continued.*

(*d*) Professional Occupations, Students, &c.

—		Command.									Total.
		Aldershot	Southern	Eastern	Irish	Scottish	Northern	Western	London District	Channel Islands	
Actors	Inspections...	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	6
	Rejections ...	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	3
Chemists	Inspections...	2	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	4
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dentists	Inspections...	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Draughtsmen	Inspections...	—	—	4	3	1	—	3	—	—	11
	Rejections ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Electricians...	Inspections...	1	—	—	1	1	2	—	4	—	9
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	4
Engineers	Inspections...	1	9	—	—	1	1	6	—	—	18
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	2
Farmers	Inspections...	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	3
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Musicians	Inspections...	15	34	60	24	—	23	26	61	1	244
	Rejections ...	4	9	17	6	—	9	2	12	—	59
Photographers	Inspections...	1	—	1	—	—	2	2	6	—	12
	Rejections ...	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	1	—	4
Policemen	Inspections...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Schoolmasters and Teachers	Inspections...	9	5	9	4	—	1	4	5	—	37
	Rejections ...	—	2	1	1	—	—	2	1	—	7
Students—											
Law	Inspections...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Medical	Inspections...	—	—	—	9	—	1	—	2	—	12
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Various	Inspections...	4	3	—	3	8	3	1	9	—	31
	Rejections ...	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	4
Surveyors	Inspections...	—	2	—	16	—	2	2	—	—	22
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	—	—	5
Seamen	Inspections...	—	3	—	—	10	34	—	—	—	47
	Rejections ...	—	2	—	—	2	10	—	—	—	14
Telegraphists	Inspections...	2	3	5	2	1	5	7	1	1	27
	Rejections ...	1	2	2	—	—	1	3	—	—	9
Professional Occupations, various	Inspections...	1	2	3	—	2	6	2	12	—	28
	Rejections ...	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	5	—	8
Total	Inspections...	36	62	83	63	26	84	55	102	2	513
	Rejections ...	5	18	22	10	4	29	9	24	—	121

(*e*) Boys under 17 Years.

—		Command.									Total.
		Aldershot	Southern	Eastern	Irish	Scottish	Northern	Western	London District	Channel Islands	
Boys under 17 years ...	Inspections...	128	400	519	214	113	262	120	823	18	2,597
	Rejections ...	13	69	76	29	28	48	19	121	2	405

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Table 8.—Trades of men offering for enlistment—*continued.*

RECAPITULATION.

—	Inspections.	Rejections.
"*a*" Unskilled labour	30,718	10,106
"*b*" Skilled labour	15,110	4,897
"*c*" Occupations classified separately	16,190	5,543
"*d*" Professional occupations, students, &c. ...	513	121
"*e*" Boys under 17 years	2,597	405
TOTAL	65,128	21,072

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PART IV.—RE-ENGAGEMENTS, EXTENSIONS, PENSIONS, AND DESERTIONS

TABLE 1.—RE-ENGAGEMENTS and EXTENSIONS of SERVICE of Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the several arms during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1906.

—	Re-engagements, to complete 21 years with the colours.					Extensions of Short Service. From 3 years to complete 6, 7, 8, or 9 years.					From 7 years to complete 8 or 9 years.										To complete 12 years.							
	After 9 years' service.	After 10 years' service.	After 11 years' service.	After 12 years' service.	Total.	Under 1 year's service.	After 1 year's service.	After 2 years' service.	After 3 years' service.	Total.	Under 1 year's service.	After 1 year's service.	After 2 years' service.	After 3 years' service.	After 4 years' service.	After 5 years' service.	After 6 years' service.	After 7 years' service.	After 8 years' service.	Total.	After 1 year's service.	After 2 years' service.	After 3 years' service.	After 4 years' service.	After 5 years' service.	After 6 years' service.	After 7 years' service.	Total.
Household Cavalry	7	8	25	—	40	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line	28	34	218	21	301	—	27	99	5	131	—	—	14	13	23	20	26	—	—	96	—	—	—	9	36	133	232	410
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	46	80	436	56	618	448	465	698	15	1,626	—	1	27	16	31	28	41	1	—	148	—	1	5	35	54	298	409	802
Royal Garrison Artillery	57	83	369	19	528	14	270	774	2	1,060	—	—	8	5	8	12	10	5	2	50	—	—	1	10	24	131	456	622
Royal Engineers ...	38	58	176	6	278	28	125	210	—	363†	—	—	1	2	8	9	13	3	—	36	—	—	5	10	41	145	218	419
Foot Guards ...	23	22	56	1	102	222	288	310	4	824*	7	6	26	9	18	21	19	5	—	111	1	1	—	1	13	61	46	123
Infantry of the Line	241	357	2,334	229	3,161	233	2,166	4,965	196	7,560	10	106	140	45	81	96	156	74	8	716	11	11	12	33	94	643	1,786	2,590
Colonial Corps ...	5	9	20	5	39	—	—	217	—	217	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	9	12	2	9	17	51
Army Service Corps	61	43	79	3	186	26	212	92	—	330†	—	—	—	1	1	4	1	—	—	7	1	—	4	6	63	110	143	327
Royal Army Medical Corps	8	31	47	2	88	69	73	105	—	247	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	14	27	73	82	202
Army Ordnance Corps	29	16	29	—	74	4	16	39	—	59	—	—	—	1	2	3	1	—	—	7	3	1	2	1	3	30	21	61
Army Veterinary Corps	—	1	2	—	3	—	1	4	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	3	9	8	6	4	31
All Arms ...	543	742	3,791	342	5,418	1,044	3,643	7,514	222	12423‡	17	113	216	92	175	194	267	88	10	1,172§	18	15	47	140	365	1,639	3,414	5,638§

* Includes 190 men extended to complete 4 years with the colours.
† Includes men enlisted for 2 years who extended their service to 7 and 8 years with the colours, viz., Royal Engineers, 1 after 1 year's service; Army Service Corps, 15 under 1 year's service and 153 after 1 year's service. ‡ Includes 2,370 special extensions (with bounty) abroad. § Includes 496 special extensions (with bounty) abroad.

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TABLE 2.—RE-ENGAGEMENTS and EXTENSIONS of SERVICE of Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the Army in each year from 1897.

Year.	Re-engagements, to complete 21 years with the colours.					Men enlisted for short service who extended their engagement.																		
						To complete a period of 12 years.									To complete periods of less than 12 years.									
	After 9 years' service.	After 10 years' service.	After 11 years' service.	After 12 years' service.	Total.	Under 1 year's service.	After 1 year's service.	After 2 years' service.	After 3 years' service.	After 4 years' service.	After 5 years' service.	After 6 years' service.	After 7 years' service.	Total.	Under 1 year's service.	After 1 year's service.	After 2 years' service.	After 3 years' service.	After 4 years' service.	After 5 years' service.	After 6 years' service	After 7 years' service.	After 8 years' service.	Total.
1897...	391	409	1,945	—	2,745	3,064								3,064	740 (a)									740 (a)
1898...	454	477	2,050	—	2,981	3,232‡ (b)								3,232‡ (b)	1,574‡ (b)									1,574‡ (b)
1899*	376*	415*	1,401*	—	2,192*	2,562* (c)								2,562* (c)	739* (c)									739* (c)
1900*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1903 (9 months)	267†	369†	1,935†	550†	3,121†	143†	107†	136†	325†	1,112†	1,284†			3,107†	1,153†	718†	486†	239†	62†	41†	96†	—	—	2,795† (d)
1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904	556	680	3,821	575	5,632	21	55	112	210	354	539	1,839	1,868	4,998	2,237	4,662	17,573	17,555	18,173	11,681	12,427	—	—	84,308 (e)
1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905	425	540	3,317	409	4,691	9	24	48	63	152	336	1,119	2,524	4,275	1,601	3,882	7,152	766	1,068	877	1,124	—	—	16,470 (f)
1st Oct., 1905, to 30th Sept., 1906	543	742	3,791	342	5,418	—	18	15	47	140	365	1,639	3,414	5,638 (g)	1,061	3,756	7,730	314	175	194	267	88	10	13,595 (g)

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.
† Figures for 9 months only.
‡ A gratuity authorised to men of Foot Guards to extend their service with the Colours (Army Orders 1 and 36 of 1898).
(a) Including 283 special extensions (with bounty) abroad
(b) Including 552 special extensions (with bounty) abroad, and 198 extensions for two years under Army Order 23 of 1898.
(c) Including 55 special extensions (with bounty) abroad.
(d) Excluding 1,753 extensions in the Royal Garrison Regiment to complete 3, 4, or 5 years.
(e) This large number is due to the effect of "service pay." This came into operation on 1st April, 1904, and could be drawn by men of 2 years' service on condition that they were serving on an engagement (extended or otherwise) of not less than 8 years with the Colours. The greater portion of the extensions were among men who were serving on a 7 years' colour engagement. This number is exclusive of 1,741 extensions in the Royal Garrison Regiment to complete periods of from 3 to 7 years.
(f) This number is exclusive of 275 extensions in the Royal Garrison Regiment to complete various periods.
(g) Including 2,866 special extensions (with bounty) abroad.

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RE-ENGAGEMENTS, EXTENSIONS, PENSIONS, AND DESERTIONS.

TABLE 3.—THE NUMBER of PENSIONS granted during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1906, and the number of Men discharged from the regimental strength of each arm of the Service.

—	* Total Number of Men Discharged from the Colours.	Pensions granted.					
		Permanent Pensions.					Temporary Pensions. (Invalid.)
		To men discharged from the Regular Forces.		To men discharged from the Permanent Staff of Auxiliary Forces, Unattached List, &c.		Total.	
		Service Pensions.	Invalid Pensions.	Service Pensions.	Invalid Pensions.		
Household Cavalry ..	123	33	2	2	—	37	8
Cavalry of the Line ..	1,287	92	16	12	—	120	86
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	1,570	205	48	4	—	257	124
Royal Garrison Artillery	1,215	229	35	130	3	397	108
Royal Engineers ..	554	†178	12	12	—	202	20
Foot Guards.. ..	561	39	3	1	—	43	25
Infantry of the Line ..	10,307	1,645	210	340	—	2,195	725
Colonial Corps ..	1,422	†33	14	—	—	47	108
Army Service Corps ..	335	78	6	—	—	84	15
Royal Army Medical Corps	205	49	5	1	—	55	16
Army Ordnance Corps	97	34	1	—	—	35	3
Army Post Office Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms.. ..	*17,676	†2,615	352	502	3	3,472	1,238

In addition to the above, the following men, discharged from other than regimental establishments, were granted pensions as follows:—

	Permanent.		Temporary.	
Military Prison Staff	7	59	..	7
Corps of Army Schoolmasters	12		1	
School of Musketry	2		..	
Military Staff Clerks	2		..	
Royal Military College	1		..	
Military Foot Police	23		4	
Army Pay Corps	12		2	

*The numbers in this column do not include men discharged from Permanent Staff of Auxiliary Forces, Unattached List, &c. For details as to causes of discharge see the Table on pages 42 and 43. There were 6 discharges from the Army Pay Corps which are not included in the above total.

†The Service Pensions include the following "on reduction":—Royal Engineers, 7; Colonial Corps, 13.

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RE-ENGAGEMENTS, EXTENSIONS, PENSIONS, AND DESERTIONS.

TABLE 4.—THE NUMBER of PENSIONS granted, whether permanent or temporary, and the number of Men discharged during each year from 1897.

During	* Number of Men discharged from the Colours.	Pensions granted.		
		† Permanent.		Temporary. (Invalid.)
1897	12,966	1,665		1,042
1898	12,983	1,678		1,095
1899	12,605	1,676		1,356
1900	15,169	725		3,452
1901	70,823	1,523		9,722
1902	80,090	2,530		10,345
1st January to 30th September, 1903	24,198‡	2,113‡		2,775‡
Years ending—				
30th September, 1904	21,407	2,278		2,914
30th September, 1905	19,705	3,178§		2,126
		Service.	Invalid.	
30th September, 1906	17,676	3,117	355	1,238

* The numbers in this column do not include men discharged from the Permanent Staff of Auxiliary Forces, Unattached List, &c.

For details as to causes of discharge see tables pages 42 and 43.

† These numbers include pensions granted to men on discharge from the Permanent Staff of Auxiliary Forces, Unattached List, &c., but not those granted to men serving in miscellaneous Establishments (Military Prison Staff, &c.).

‡ Figures for nine months only.

§ Including 630 pensions awarded to men of the Royal Garrison Regiment on reduction.

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TABLE 5.—NUMBER of men struck off as Deserters from the regimental strength of each Arm of the Service during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1906, showing the services of the men, also the number who rejoined from desertion, and the net loss from desertion.

—	Services of Men struck off.									Total struck off.	* Rejoined from Desertion.	* Net loss from Desertion.
	Under 3 months.	3 to 6 months.	6 to 12 months.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	Over 5 years.	Not stated.			
Household Cavalry	—	3	—	2	1	—	—	1	—	7	3	4
Cavalry of the Line	110	77	90	24	15	11	21	25	15	388	173	215
Royal Horse and Field Artillery..	122	55	57	26	24	11	15	20	4	334	173	161
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	12	21	24	21	19	12	13	24	6	152	74	78
Royal Engineers	4	5	2	2	2	1	4	12	—	32	12	20
Foot Guards	14	13	22	22	32	5	7	16	1	132	64	68
Infantry of the Line	482	242	380	315	136	60	51	98	25	1,789	1,158	631
Colonial Corps	6	5	12	12	4	7	6	11	10	73	28	45
Army Service Corps	19	8	7	6	2	2	1	—	—	45	34	11
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	4	1	4	3	2	3	1	6	—	24	5	19
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	(−1)
All Arms	773	430	598	433	238	112	119	213	61	2,977†	1,725	1,252

* The numbers rejoined from desertion do not include deserters who, having fraudulently enlisted in other than their original corps, were on discovery held to serve in their new corps. If these were taken into consideration, the net loss from desertion would be reduced.

† Does not include 1 man of the Army Pay Corps and 1 man of Indian Native Troops shown on page 43.

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TABLE 6.—SERVICES of MEN STRUCK OFF AS DESERTERS, and net loss from Desertion, showing proportions to 1,000 men of the average strength, in each year from 1897.

Year.	Services of Men struck off as Deserters.									Total struck off.	Proportion of Men struck off to 1,000 of Average Strength.	Rejoined from Desertion.	Net Loss from Desertion.	Proportion of Net Loss to 1,000 Men of Average Strength.
	Under 3 months.	3 to 6 months.	6 to 12 months.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	Over 5 years.	Service not stated.					
1897	1,045	556	743	713	593				—	3,650	17·33	1,726	1,924	9·14
1898	1,302	712	873	626	513				48	4,074	18·81	1,934	2,140	9·88
1899*	—	—	—	—	—				—	4,504	19·42	2,022	2,482	10·70
1900*	—	—	—	—	—				—	6,378	16·98	2,438	3,940	10·49
1901*	—	—	—	—	—				—	7,686	19·24	2,689	4,997	12·51
1902	2,317	1,227	1,303	795	1,063				457	7,162	19·79	2,839	4,323	11·95
1st Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903..	1,120†	723†	843†	803†	1,138†				2†	4,629†	15·96†	2,212†	2,417†	8·33†
Years ending—														
30th Sept., 1904	921	547	680	768	968				75	3,959	14·27	2,673	1,286	4·64
30th Sept., 1905	801	418	515	527	304	197	130	168	22	3,082	11·80	2,189	893	3·42
30th Sept., 1906	773	430	598	433	238	112	119	213	61	2,977	1 1·8	1,724	1,253	5·00

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War. † Figures for 9 months only.

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PART V.—RELIEFS AND REINFORCEMENTS.

TABLE 1.—DETAILS of TROOPS embarked for India during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1906, showing the Ages of Men composing Detachments.

—	Number of Units.	No. of N.C.O.'s and Men.		Detachments (Ages).									Total Units and Detachments.
		In Units.	In Detachments.	Under 12 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	21 to 22 years.	22 to 24 years.	24 to 26 years.	26 to 30 years.	Over 30 years.	
From Home—													
Cavalry of the Line	1	560	666	30	—	23	268	124	118	62	29	12	1,226
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	1,826	6	5	6	359	422	536	243	151	98	1,826
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	945	7	2	3	236	158	206	139	81	113	945
Infantry of the Line	3	1,247	8,047	188	10	294	3,693	1,532	1,219	580	301	230	9,294
Army Ordnance Corps..	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	7	2	14
Total	—	1,807	11,498	231	17	326	4,556	2,236	2,080	1,028	569	455	13,305
From the Colonies and Egypt—													
Cavalry of the Line	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	5	379	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	379
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2
Infantry of the Line	2	1,132	338	—	—	18	90	79	77	40	24	10	1,470
Army Ordnance Corps..	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Total	—	1,514	340	—	—	18	90	79	77	41	25	10	1,854
Total—													
Cavalry of the Line	1	560	666	30	—	23	268	124	118	62	29	12	1,226
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	5	379	1,826	6	5	6	359	422	536	243	151	98	2,205
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	947	7	2	3	236	158	206	140	82	113	947
Infantry of the Line	5	2,379	8,385	188	10	312	3,783	1,611	1,296	620	325	240	10,764
Army Ordnance Corps..	—	3	14	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	7	2	17
General total	—	3,321	11,838	231	17	344	4,646	2,315	2,157	1,069	594	465	15,159

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TABLE 2.—DETAILS of TROOPS embarked for the Colonies and Egypt during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1906, showing Ages of Men in Detachments.

—	Number of Units.	No. of N.C.O.'s and Men.		Detachments (Ages).									Total Units and Detachments.
		In Units.	In Detachments.	Under 18 years.	18—19 years.	19—20 years.	20—21 years.	21—22 years.	22—24 years.	24—26 years.	26—30 years.	Over 30 years.	
*From India—													
Cavalry of the Line	1	566	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	566
Royal Horse and Field Artillery.. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Infantry of the Line	1	837	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	837
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	1,403	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1,404
From Home—													
Cavalry of the Line	1	464	302	24	7	50	70	33	53	39	15	11	766
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	6	565	213	6	23	67	31	15	34	19	8	10	778
Royal Garrison Artillery..	—	—	1,133	20	28	172	230	145	180	128	103	127	1,133
Royal Engineers	—	—	505	13	1	5	17	35	100	94	106	134	505
Foot Guards	1	707	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	707
Infantry of the Line	3	1,876	5,639	150	1,182	1,673	1,037	525	481	307	141	143	7,515
Army Service Corps	—	—	197	—	—	1	25	32	47	32	22	38	197
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	342	—	5	50	58	54	56	43	50	26	342
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	167	1	—	8	10	20	36	29	26	37	167
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	5	3	14
Total	—	3,612	8,512	214	1,246	2,026	1,478	859	990	694	476	529	12,124
Total—													
Cavalry of the Line	2	1,030	302	24	7	50	70	33	53	39	15	11	1,332
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	6	565	213	6	23	67	31	15	34	19	8	10	778
Royal Garrison Artillery..	—	—	1,134	20	28	172	230	145	180	128	103	128	1,134
Royal Engineers	—	—	505	13	1	5	17	35	100	94	106	134	505
Foot Guards	1	707	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	707
Infantry of the Line	4	2,713	5,639	150	1,182	1,673	1,037	525	481	307	141	143	8,352
Army Service Corps	—	—	197	—	—	1	25	32	47	32	22	38	197
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	342	—	5	50	58	54	56	43	50	26	342
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	167	1	—	8	10	20	36	29	26	37	167
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	5	3	14
General Total	—	5,015	8,513	214	1,246	2,026	1,478	859	990	694	476	530	13,528

* In the case of troops from India the numbers accounted for are those *taken on the strength* of the Colonies from the Indian Establishment during the above period. The Cavalry regiment from India was taken on the strength in South Africa from the date of *disembarkation*, and the Infantry battalion from date of *embarkation*.

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TABLE 3.—DETAILS OF TROOPS disembarked at Home from service abroad during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1906.

—	Number of Units.	No. of N.C.O.'s and Men.		Details of Detachments.						Total Units and Detachments.
		In Units.	In Detachments.	Invalids.	Time Expired.	To Join Army Reserve.	To Join Home Establishment.	Soldiers under Sentence.	Other Causes.	
From India—										
Cavalry of the Line	—	—	424	118	31	206	38	5	26	424
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	5	384	1,120	226	87	452	292	—	63	1,504
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	848	199	78	250	276	—	45	848
Infantry of the Line	3	1,616	9,478	1,300	1,070	5,847	1,036	119	106	11,094
Army Ordnance Corps	—	2	15	2	1	—	11	—	1	17
Total	—	2,002	11,885	1,845	1,267	6,755	1,653	124	241	13,887
From the Colonies and Egypt—										
Cavalry of the Line	1	523	165	17	23	85	25	1	14	688
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	187	26	4	98	26	—	33	187
Royal Garrison Artillery	5	697	1,626	177	112	415	868	20	34	2,323
Royal Engineers	4	200	597	19	14	12	550	—	2	797
Infantry of the Line	3	1,831	6,044	543	207	3,452	1,633	109	100	7,875
Army Service Corps	—	—	172	9	4	4	144	—	11	172
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	294	47	9	9	210	17	2	294
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	149	8	6	—	133	—	2	149
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Total	—	3,251	9,235	846	379	4,075	3,590	147	198	12,486
Total—										
Cavalry of the Line	1	523	589	135	54	291	63	6	40	1,112
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	5	384	1,307	252	91	550	318	—	96	1,691
Royal Garrison Artillery	5	697	2,474	376	190	665	1,144	20	79	3,171
Royal Engineers	4	200	597	19	14	12	550	—	2	797
Infantry of the Line	6	3,447	15,522	1,843	1,277	9,299	2,669	228	206	18,969
Army Service Corps	—	—	172	9	4	4	144	—	11	172
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	294	47	9	9	210	17	2	294
Army Ordnance Corps	—	2	164	10	7	—	144	—	3	166
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
General Total	—	5,253	21,120	2,691	1,646	10,830	5,243	271	439	26,373

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PART VI.—PUNISHMENTS AND REWARDS.

TABLE 1.—NUMBER OF COURTS-MARTIAL on Non-Commissioned Officers and men on the regimental strength of the Army held during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1906, showing the OFFENCES for which the men were tried, and the Punishments inflicted, in each arm of the service, at home and abroad.

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Table 1.

(*a*) Courts-Martial and Offences.

—	At Home.												Abroad.												General Total.
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Veterinary Corps.	All Arms.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry of the Line.	Colonial Corps.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Veterinary Corps.	All Arms.	
Number of Courts-Martial...	10	439	550	182	45	370	2,826	139	18	4	3	4,583	168	283	266	25	2,678	57	36	24	1	1	3,539	8,125
Offences in relation to the Enemy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mutiny	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Desertion	3	169	161	58	12	81	1,029	32	4	—	1	1,550	5	11	11	—	108	6	—	1	—	—	142	1,692
Fraudulent Enlistment ...	4	29	37	19	4	13	113	1	—	—	—	217	2	2	6	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	26	243
Offences in relation to enlistment	—	31	33	6	—	31	202	9	—	—	—	312	1	—	4	—	35	2	—	—	—	—	42	354
Violence and disobedience to Superiors	—	67	85	21	6	56	289	12	5	1	1	543	43	102	76	11	714	4	3	3	—	—	956	1,499
Minor Insubordination and neglect of orders ...	1	80	66	9	1	67	546	9	—	2	1	782	55	46	32	2	697	14	11	2	—	—	859	1,641
Quitting or Sleeping on Post	—	11	11	10	—	10	18	—	—	—	—	60	8	12	4	—	60	1	—	—	—	—	85	145
Drunk on Duty	—	8	18	14	2	11	82	7	2	—	—	144	6	21	20	1	273	—	1	4	—	—	326	470
Drunkenness	1	13	25	7	1	30	198	8	2	—	—	285	14	22	63	7	511	3	3	2	—	1	626	911
Disgraceful Conduct ...	1	22	22	4	7	16		—	2	—	—	159	6	7	11	—	114	5	1	6	—	—	150	309
Absence without Leave ...	1	71	69	25	8	74	342	34	1	1	—	626	19	28	23	3	258	4	1	5	1	—	352	978
Making away with Necessaries	—	109	72	8	5	76	770	29	3	—	—	1,072	5	9	20	1	183	—	—	1	—	—	219	1,291
Wilfully injuring public property or equipment	—	4	8	4	—	10	53	—	1	—	—	80	3	1	8	1	92	—	—	1	—	—	106	186
Civil offences	2	16	21	8	—	13	157	1	—	—	—	218	12	14	9	—	175	10	1	—	—	—	221	439
Miscellaneous...	—	10	41	8	4	18	188	37	3	1	—	310	14	35	41	5	445	11	26	8	—	—	585	895
Total of Offences ...	10	610	669	201	50	506	4,072	179	23	5	3	6,358	193	310	328	31	3,691	60	47	33	1	1	4,695	11,053

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TABLE 1—*continued.*

(*b*) Acquittals, Pardons, &c.

Acquitted	2	8	16	7	—	8	49	8	1	—	—	99	6	16	10	—	127	7	8	—	—	—	174	273
Pardoned ... ... / Sentence wholly remitted / Sentence quashed ...	—	5	9	1	1	6	41	1	1	—	—	65	1	4	7	—	51	2	1	2	—	—	68	133
	2	13	25	8	1	14	90	9	2	—	—	164	7	20	17	—	178	9	9	2	—	—	242	406

(*c*) Punishments inflicted.

Death	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Penal Servitude	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	7	7
Reduction to a lower grade or to the Ranks	—	32	60	32	10	30	249	36	3	—	1	453	35	37	27	4	292	10	12	2	1	1	421	874
Reduction and Imprisonment	—	—	—	—	—	1	8	—	—	1	—	10	2	4	—	—	15	1	—	1	—	—	23	33
Reduction and Detention ...	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6
Summary Punishment under Sec. 44 (para. 5) Army Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stoppages, Fine or Forfeiture, without other punishment... ...	—	—	3	—	2	—	31	3	—	—	—	39	1	1	—	—	12	1	1	—	—	—	16	55
Imprisonment with or without Hard Labour	6	246	301	103	23	193	1,550	52	8	—	1	2,483	123	213	202	20	2,148	34	14	18	—	—	2,772	5,255
Detention	2	147	161	39	9	128	896	39	5	3	1	1,430	—	5	20	1	28	2	—	1	—	—	57	1,487
Discharged with ignominy without other punishment ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Total of Punishments inflicted ...	8	426	525	174	44	356	2,736	130	16	4	3	4,422	161	263	249	25	2,500	48	27	22	1	1	3,297	7,719

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TABLE 2.—COURTS-MARTIAL, OFFENCES, and PUNISHMENTS, in each year from 1897.

(*a*) Courts-Martial and Offences.

	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1st. Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903	Years ending 30th Sept. 1904	30th Sept. 1905.	30th Sept. 1906.
Number of Courts-Martial	9,069	9,676	*	*	*	15,009	10,747§	12,017	9,970	8,125
Percentage to average strength during year† ..	4·31	4·47	—	—	—	4·25	3·84§	4·50	3·82	3·24
OFFENCES.										
Offences in relation to the enemy	—	5	—	—	—	12	1§	—	1	—
Mutiny	—	—	—	—	—	13	24§	—	—	—
Desertion	1,688	1,819	—	—	—	2,830	2,212§	2,617	2,059	1,692
Fraudulent enlistment	334	381	—	—	—	586	421§	370	309	243
Offences in relation to enlistment	449	509	—	—	—	422	358§	394	356	354
Violence and disobedience to Superiors ..	1,864	1,807	—	—	—	2,686	2,098§	2,254	1,958	1,499
Minor insubordination and neglect of orders ..	1,927	2,198	—	—	—	3,431	1,922§	1,916	1,789	1,641
Quitting or sleeping on Post	224	197	—	—	—	571	246§	238	204	145
Drunk on Duty	647	811	—	—	—	1,446	624§	698	623	470
Drunkenness	858	973	—	—	—	1,319	920§	1,065	1,124	911
Disgraceful conduct	756	773	—	—	—	915	481§	453	456	309
Absence without leave	1,148	1,296	—	—	—	1,818	1,391§	1,381	1,250	978
Making away with necessaries	2,083	2,239	—	—	—	2,564	1,789§	1,928	1,838	1,291
Wilfully injuring public property or equipment	1,200	1,036	—	—	—	1,027	2,861§	3,068	88	186
Civil offences									213	439
Miscellaneous									1,368	895
Total of Offences	13,178	14,044	*	*	*	19,640	15,348§	16,382	13,636	11,053

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TABLE 2—*continued.*

(*b*) Acquittals, Pardons, &c.

Acquitted	276	284	*	*	*	309	248§	338	297	273
Pardoned, Sentence wholly remitted, or Sentence quashed	177	169	*	*	*	267	181§	175	156	133
	453	453	*	*	*	576	429§	513	453	406

(*c*) Punishments inflicted.

Death	2	1	—	—	—	4	—	—	2	—
Penal Servitude	13	8	—	—	—	90	29§	13	12	7
Reduction to a lower grade or to the Ranks ..	1,132	1,188	—	—	—	1,182	1,034§	1,198	1,099	874
Reduction and Imprisonment .. .. / Reduction and Detention†	92	85	—	—	—	214	91§	86	200	33 / 6
Summary Punishment under sec. 44 (para. 5), Army Act..	—	1	—	—	—	222	5§	—	—	—
Stoppages, Fine or Forfeiture, without other punishment	28	32	—	—	—	115	54§	63	75	55
Imprisonment with or without Hard Labour / Detention†	7,349	7,908	—	—	—	12,565	9,073§	10,144	8,129	5,255 / 1,487
Discharged with ignominy without other punishment	—	—	—	—	—	41	32§	—	—	2
Total of Punishments inflicted	8,616	9,223	*	*	*	14,433	10,318§	11,504	9,517	7,719

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† Punishment by "Detention" was introduced by Special Army Order dated 26th April, 1906.

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PUNISHMENTS AND REWARDS.

TABLE 3.—NUMBER of MEN on the regimental strength of the Army tried by COURT-MARTIAL, and the total number of trials, in each year from 1897.

YEAR.	Number of men tried.						Number of trials.	Percentage of men tried to average strength.‡
	Once.	Twice.	Three times.	Four times.	Five times.	Total. Men.		
1897	7,319	719	93	7	1	8,139	9,069	3·86
1898	7,859	737	90	17	1	8,704	9,676	4·02
1899*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1900*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902	10,990	1,540	230	61	1	12,822	15,009	3·63
1st Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903 ..	8,874†	761†	101†	12†	—	9,748†	10,747†	3·48†
Years ending— 30th Sept., 1904 ..	9,703	885	154	18	2	10,762	12,017	4·03
30th Sept., 1905 ..	8,062	771	95	19	1	8,948	9,970	3·43
30th Sept., 1906 ..	6,619	585	89	16	1	7,310	8,125	2·92

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PUNISHMENTS AND REWARDS.

TABLE 4.—Number of GENERAL, DISTRICT, and REGIMENTAL COURTS-MARTIAL held on men on the regimental strength of the Army at home and abroad, from 1897.

Years.	Number of Courts-Martial.								
	General.		District.		Regimental.		Total.		Total.
							Home.	Abroad.	
1897 ..	26		6,987		2,056		5,269	3,800	9,069
1898 ..	16		7,456		2,204		5,463	4,213	9,676
1899* ..	—		—		—		—	—	—
1900* ..	—		—		—		—	—	—
1901* ..	—		—		—		—	—	—
1902 ..	3,480		7,887		3,642		7,479	7,530	15,009
1st Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903 ..	61†		8,729†		1,957†		6,054†	4,693†	10,747†
Years ending— 30th Sept., 1904 ..	53		9,575		2,389		6,808	5,209	12,017
	Home.	Abroad.	Home.	Abroad.	Home.	Abroad.			
30th Sept., 1905 ..	6	26	4,664	3,199	1,044	1,031	5,714	4,256	9,970
30th Sept., 1906 ..	—	17	3,822	2,591	764	931	4,586	3,539	8,125

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TABLE 5.—NUMBER of MEN on the regimental strength of the Army FINED for DRUNKENNESS, and the NUMBER of FINES inflicted, during the 12 months ending 30th September, 1906.

—	Number of Men Fined.												Number of Fines inflicted.
	Once.	Twice.	3 times.	4 times.	5 times.	6 times.	7 times.	8 times.	9 times.	10 times.	11 times.	Total.	
Household Cavalry	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line	162	34	12	5	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	216	302
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	390	105	33	10	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	541	755
Royal Garrison Artillery	628	232	97	36	20	6	1	2	—	—	—	1,022	1,686
Royal Engineers	93	23	7	2	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	128	186
Foot Guards..	162	59	20	6	3	3	1	1	—	—	—	255	412
Infantry of the Line	5,161	2,020	969	433	229	102	39	14	3	1	—	8,971	16,019
Colonial Corps	9	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	13
Army Service Corps	107	21	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	132	164
Royal Army Medical Corps	44	9	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	55	71
Army Ordnance Corps	5	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	11
Army Veterinary Corps..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms	6,761	2,508	1,140	494	259	114	42	17	3	1	—	11,339	19,619

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TABLE 6.—NUMBER of MEN on the regimental strength of the Army FINED for DRUNKENNESS, and the NUMBER of FINES inflicted, in each year from 1897.

YEAR.	NUMBER OF MEN FINED.													Number of Fines inflicted.	Percentage of Men Fined to average strength.‡	YEAR.
	Once.	Twice.	3 times.	4 times.	5 times.	6 times.	7 times.	8 times.	9 times.	10 times.	11 times.	12 times.	Total.			
1897	7,959	3,333	1,764	866	369	158	68	40	14	5	—	—	14,576	27,146	6·92	1897
1898	7,770	3,352	1,600	756	382	177	79	33	9	4	1	2	14,165	26,243	6·54	1898
1899*	1,053*	408*	134*	54*	30*	4*	4*	1*	1*	—	—	—	1,689*	2,706*	*	1899*
1900*	2,277*	809*	379*	149*	52*	31*	7*	5*	1*	1*	—	—	3,711*	6,182*	*	1900*
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*	1901*
1902	9,756	3,471	1,606	833	374	158	73	15	5	1	—	—	16,292	28,352	4·62	1902
1st January to 30th September, 1903	6,725†	2,550†	997†	417†	183†	72†	19†	4†	2†	—	—	—	10,969†	18,014†	3·92†	1903†
Years ending— 30th Sept., 1904..	7,835	2,968	1,455	716	326	149	50	27	8	2	1	—	13,537	24,193	5·07	1903-4
30th Sept., 1905..	7,647	2,794	1,302	605	284	119	38	14	3	1	1	—	12,808	22,121	4·90	1904-5
30th Sept., 1906..	6,761	2,508	1,140	494	259	114	42	17	3	1	—	—	11,339	19,619	4·52	1905-6

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TABLE 7.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the number of men on the regimental strength of the Army in possession of GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS, in each year from 1898.

Date.	Warrant Officers.†	Serjeants.	Corporals and Bombardiers	Trumpeters, Drummers, and Privates.	Total.	Year.
1898, 1st January ..	†	917	87	467	1,471	1898
1899, " ..	†	986	76	513	1,575	1899
1900,* " ..	*	*	*	*	*	1900*
1901,* " ..	*	*	*	*	*	1901*
1902,* " ..	*	*	*	*	*	1902*
1903, " ..	†	1,001	86	570	1,657	1903
1903, 1st October ..	628†	875	94	439	2,036	1903
1904, " ..	652†	1,009	88	482	2,231	1904
1905, " ..	689†	1,135	101	554	2,479	1905
1906, " ..	732†	1,178	92	627	2,629	1906

N.B.—The Good Conduct Medal is awarded to Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and men with not less than 18 years' service with an irreproachable character.

Warrant Officers, who were first granted the medal under the Royal Warrant of 12th June, 1902 (Army Order 155 of 1902), are not entitled to a gratuity, but a gratuity is now given on discharge to men of all other ranks in possession of the medal.

† The figures for Warrant Officers include those who received the medal before promotion to warrant rank. Statistics as to Warrant Officers in the same position prior to 1st October, 1903, are not available.

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

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TABLE 8.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the number of Trumpeters, Drummers, Buglers, and Privates on the regimental strength of the Army in possession of GOOD CONDUCT BADGES in each year from 1898.

Date.	Men with One Badge.	Men with Two Badges.	Men with Three Badges.	Men with Four Badges.	Men with Five Badges.	Men with Six Badges.	Total Men in possession of badges.	Percentage of men in possession of badges to strength.†	Year.
1898, 1st January	74,215	24,480	2,951	1,264	158	125	103,193	56·34	1898
1899, ,,	70,071	29,335	3,279	1,363	140	121	104,309	54·08	1899
1900,* ,,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*	1900*
1901,* ,,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*	1901*
1902,* ,,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*	1902*
1903, ,,	67,621	39,461	4,389	1,754	235	121	113,581	50·29	1903
1903, 1st October	71,539	32,879	4,309	1,723	218	89	110,757	47·92	1903
1904, ,,	69,421	38,862	5,990	1,943	251	78	116,545	50·63	1904
1905, ,,	62,389	42,704	6,705	1,991	270	72	114,131	52·77	1905
1906, ,,	60,496	46,773	7,440	2,078	319	75	117,181	54·92	1906

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PART VII.—SERVICES AND AGES.

TABLE 1.—PAST SERVICES (irrespective of their terms of engagement) of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the several Arms at Home, in the Colonies, and in India, on the 1st October, 1906.

—	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 6 years.	6 to 7 years.	7 to 9 years.	8 to 9 years.	9 to 10 years.	10 to 11 years.	11 to 12 years.	12 to 13 years.	13 to 14 years.	14 to 15 years.	15 to 16 years.	16 to 17 years.	17 to 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	Over 21 years.	Re-enlisted.	Not included.	TOTAL.
AT HOME.																									
Household Cavalry ...	141	106	80	63	95	117	159	63	63	56	41	36	22	27	38	29	30	43	30	28	15	9	11	—	1,302
Cavalry of the Line ...	2,557	1,140	279	238	940	1,163	1,249	540	172	120	127	151	137	120	136	101	96	65	91	56	73	36	14	—	9,601
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	4,306	2,733	1,363	976	1,291	1,326	1,485	518	315	292	302	280	293	271	247	212	218	252	167	98	97	130	103	8	17,283
Royal Garrison Artillery	1,384	959	1,224	565	431	451	487	449	336	294	333	309	300	312	214	170	149	171	168	158	113	169	30	—	9,176
Royal Engineers ...	914	688	710	386	408	416	525	354	187	179	223	203	174	133	136	138	159	146	125	140	130	62	10	—	6,546
Foot Guards	1,390	1,422	1,234	442	350	565	518	232	139	107	71	71	58	51	77	49	39	37	32	29	24	37	16	—	6,990
Infantry of the Line ...	17,047	9,559	10,315	2,598	1,730	1,942	2,278	2,052	1,337	1,139	970	1,182	990	1,309	1,218	667	629	487	385	390	389	368	528	—	59,509
Army Service Corps ...	1,165	790	452	435	386	427	357	217	131	120	125	84	79	98	97	85	76	80	57	50	58	16	32	—	5,417
Royal Army Medical Corps	823	422	190	283	246	140	255	137	81	44	62	38	65	62	75	54	46	49	34	44	57	63	—	—	3,270
Army Ordnance Corps...	222	103	137	94	118	144	123	78	47	47	44	52	23	39	39	18	28	23	21	17	13	2	9	—	1,441
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	6	33	28	37	10	4	1	1	—	2	2	1	1	—	3	1	1	1	1	—	—	133
All Arms ...	29,949	17,922	15,984	6,086	6,028	6,719	7,473	4,650	2,812	2,399	2,299	2,406	2,143	2,424	2,278	1,524	1,470	1,356	1,111	1,011	970	893	753	8	120,668
IN THE COLONIES, EGYPT AND CRETE.																									
Cavalry of the Line ...	213	174	45	110	558	579	570	205	93	134	89	76	81	69	76	38	30	19	17	19	6	14	2	—	3,217
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	71	333	246	204	351	418	421	249	51	33	29	11	21	25	27	25	27	19	24	6	6	4	8	—	2,609
Royal Garrison Artillery	52	774	1,274	482	618	736	595	462	196	157	94	104	84	94	64	77	69	62	63	58	26	34	7	—	6,182
Royal Engineers ...	8	57	189	421	494	450	244	114	79	55	65	68	53	42	62	49	54	45	37	35	21	9	5	—	2,656
Foot Guards	96	192	161	21	81	64	34	7	16	10	3	6	2	5	5	4	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	710
Infantry of the Line ...	1,734	4,180	5,108	2,281	2,646	3,072	2,939	2,247	730	490	335	578	456	330	309	211	179	133	102	88	57	38	259	—	28,552
Colonial Corps	515	275	457	368	550	397	476	338	616	296	120	139	26	39	81	55	46	28	26	25	23	64	7	197	5,164
Army Service Corps ...	—	3	43	72	111	157	123	65	50	43	44	29	19	20	24	26	11	19	4	1	4	—	3	—	871
Royal Army Medical Corps	5	44	37	194	272	194	50	34	19	15	22	11	12	19	24	19	14	9	4	7	8	1	—	—	1,019
Army Ordnance Corps...	—	1	16	43	116	150	54	25	17	20	19	13	20	20	27	11	12	7	1	4	4	—	5	—	586
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	5	12	14	12	14	13	5	1	—	3	1	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	83
All Arms ...	2,694	6,033	7,576	4,201	5,809	6,231	5,568	3,760	1,880	1,258	821	1,035	777	664	700	516	442	343	284	244	155	164	297	197	51,649

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TABLE 1.—PAST SERVICES (irrespective of their terms of engagement) of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the several Arms at Home, in the Colonies, and in India, on the 1st October, 1906—*continued.*

—	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 6 years.	6 to 7 years.	7 to 8 years.	8 to 9 years.	9 to 10 years.	10 to 11 years.	11 to 12 years.	12 to 13 years.	13 to 14 years.	14 to 15 years.	15 to 16 years.	16 to 17 years.	17 to 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	Over 21 years.	Re-enlisted.	Not included.	TOTAL.
IN INDIA.																									
Cavalry of the Line ...	380	514	226	288	1,165	1,322	1,086	622	199	150	115	128	93	83	75	50	33	23	24	18	29	18	1	—	6,642
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	128	321	485	908	1,574	1,708	2,080	864	404	314	189	322	249	138	113	88	76	91	49	34	28	35	15	—	10,213
Royal Garrison Artillery	60	358	588	482	435	585	686	495	305	171	120	186	131	129	82	58	59	61	54	17	12	15	9	—	5,098
Royal Engineers ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	3
Infantry of the Line ...	344	4,154	7,952	4,580	4,943	6,465	6,535	5,413	1,760	1,427	907	2,426	1,715	1,017	580	339	304	249	156	115	84	87	38	—	51,590
Army Ordnance Corps...	—	—	3	8	11	9	16	10	6	9	6	7	1	7	4	5	8	2	—	1	2	—	—	—	115
All Arms ...	912	5,347	9,254	6,266	8,128	10,089	10,403	7,404	2,674	2,071	1,337	3,069	2,189	1,374	854	540	481	426	283	187	155	155	63	—	73,661
AT HOME AND ABROAD.																									
Household Cavalry ...	141	106	80	63	95	117	159	63	63	56	41	36	22	27	38	29	30	43	30	28	15	9	11	—	1,302
Cavalry of the Line ...	3,150	1,828	550	636	2,663	3,064	2,905	1,367	464	401	331	355	311	272	237	189	159	107	132	93	108	68	17	—	19,460
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	4,505	3,387	2,094	2,088	3,216	3,452	3,986	1,631	770	639	520	613	563	434	387	325	321	362	240	138	131	169	126	8	30,105
Royal Garrison Artillery	1,496	2,091	3,086	1,529	1,484	1,772	1,768	1,406	837	622	547	599	515	535	360	305	277	294	285	233	151	218	46	—	20,456
Royal Engineers ...	922	745	899	807	902	866	769	468	266	234	288	271	227	175	198	187	214	191	162	177	151	71	15	—	9,205
Foot Guards	1,486	1,614	1,395	463	431	629	552	239	155	117	74	77	60	56	82	53	39	39	32	29	24	37	17	—	7,700
Infantry of the Line ...	19,125	17,893	23,375	9,459	9,319	11,479	11,802	9,712	3,827	3,056	2,212	4,186	3,161	2,656	2,107	1,217	1,112	869	643	593	530	493	825	—	139,651
Colonial Corps	515	275	457	368	550	397	476	338	616	296	120	139	26	39	81	55	46	28	26	25	23	64	7	197	5,164
Army Service Corps ...	1,165	793	495	507	497	584	480	282	181	163	169	113	98	118	121	111	87	99	61	51	62	16	35	—	6,288
Royal Army Medical Corps	828	466	227	477	518	334	305	171	100	59	84	49	77	81	99	73	60	58	43	51	65	64	—	—	4,289
Army Ordnance Corps	222	104	156	145	245	303	193	113	70	76	69	72	44	66	70	34	48	32	23	22	19	2	14	—	2,142
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	11	45	42	49	24	17	6	2	—	5	3	2	2	—	3	1	2	1	1	—	—	216
All Arms ...	33,555	29,302	32,814	16,553	19,965	23,039	23,444	15,814	7,366	5,728	4,457	6,510	5,109	4,462	3,832	2,580	2,393	2,125	1,678	1,442	1,280	1,212	1,113	205	245,978

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TABLE 2.—PAST SERVICES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the several arms, under their original engagements, and the numb

—	Under Original Engagement—Short Service.																								
	For 1 year with colours.	For 2 years with colours.		For 3 years with colours.				For 7 years with colours.‡								For 9 years with colours.‖								
	Under 1 year.	Under 1 year.	1 year to 2 years.	Under 1 year.	1 year to 2 years.	2 years to 3 years.	Over 3 years.	Under 1 year.	1 year to 2 years.	2 years to 3 years.	3 years to 4 years.	4 years to 5 years.	5 years to 6 years.	6 years to 7 years.	Over 7 years.	Under 1 year.	1 year to 2 years.	2 years to 3 years.	3 years to 4 years.	4 years to 5 years.	5 years to 6 years.	6 years to 7 years.	7 years to 8 years.	8 years to 9 years.	Over 9 years.
AT HOME.																									
Household Cavalry ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line ...	—	—	—	2	46	144	—	2,424	111	26	13	74	207	350	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	—	3,612	2,277	803	—	17	12	2	5	71	137	215	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Garrison Artillery...	—	—	—	9	340	680	9	8	5	3	1	15	40	47	2	1,063	463	186	71	5	5	2	3	—	—
Royal Engineers	—	470	—	355	454	296	—	11	18	17	1	12	13	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foot Guards	—	—	—	1,262	1024*	769*	9*	34	31	40	10	52	173	247	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Infantry of the Line ...	—	141	—	156	784	7,529	5	3,476	103	709	127	130	203	329	—	12,423	8,054	964	711	92	31	13	13	—	—
Army Service Corps ...	—	1,001	517	88	105	109	—	13	48	18	—	2	8	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Army Medical Corps	313	—	—	432	253	87	—	44	74	21	2	7	5	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Army Ordnance Corps ...	—	—	—	145	47	41	—	2	2	2	—	5	17	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Army Veterinary Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms	313	1,615	517	6,061	5,330	10,463	23	6,029	404	838	159	368	803	1257	5	13,490	8,517	1,150	782	97	36	15	2	—	—
IN THE COLONIES, EGYPT, AND CRETE.																									
Cavalry of the Line ...	—	—	—	14	10	7	—	184	16	3	1	13	24	31	6	—	—	—	—	1	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	—
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	—	53	276	151	—	1	3	6	19	25	12	9	9	—	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Garrison Artillery...	—	—	—	6	524	883	—	1	6	2	3	16	50	60	25	40	216	200	18	8	4	6	[illegible]	—	—
Royal Engineers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	27	32	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foot Guards...	—	—	—	87*	161*	90*	—	1	3	2	—	12	11	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infantry of the Line ...	—	—	—	31	386	2,687	33	52	17	215	16	71	135	213	187	1,548	3,476	548	213	24	32	12	[illegible]	—	—
Colonial Corps	—	—	—	180	77	212	—	32	23	45	39	27	33	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	35	[illegible]	—	—
Army Service Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	3	—	1	3	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	—	2	1	2	—	—	—	1	—	3	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Army Ordnance Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	21	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Army Veterinary Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	9	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms	—	—	—	373	1,435	4,035	33	271	69	280	87	207	344	379	228	1,588	3,695	750	231	33	37	76	[illegible]	—	—
IN INDIA.																									
Cavalry of the Line ...	—	—	—	—	2	45	—	346	48	12	2	18	58	70	43	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	—	20	27	9	1	3	13	8	4	12	40	91	55	—	8	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Garrison Artillery...	—	—	—	2	12	267	15	5	2	3	—	1	9	17	15	53	279	99	14	4	2	[illegible]	—	—	—
Royal Engineers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infantry of the Line ...	—	—	—	62	554	4,036	388	21	53	63	20	73	173	315	264	156	3,200	640	137	16	10	4	[illegible]	—	—
Army Ordnance Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms	—	—	—	84	595	4,357	404	375	116	86	26	104	280	493	377	210	3,488	742	151	20	12	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	—
General Total ...	313	1,615	517	6,518	7,360	18,855	460	6,675	589	1204	272	679	1427	2129	610	15,288	15,700	2,642	1,164	150	85	57	[illegible]	—	—

* Including men who have extended their service for 4 years.
‡ Including men enlisted for 3 years who have extended their service to complete 7 years with the colours.
‖ Including men enlisted for 3 and 7 years who have extended their service to complete 9 years with the colours.

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[ome, in the Colonies, and in India, on the 1st October, 1906, showing the number serving ho had extended their Service or re-engaged.

Under Extended Engagement—Short Service.																																
) complete 6 years h colours.¶					To complete 8 years with colours.**									To complete 12 years with colours.				Long Service, 1st Period (12 years with colours).				Re-engaged to complete 21 years with colours.						Total.
1 year to 2 years.	2 years to 3 years.	3 years to 4 years.	4 years to 5 years.	5 years to 6 years.	Under 1 year.	1 year to 2 years.	2 years to 3 years.	3 years to 4 years.	4 years to 5 years.	5 years to 6 years.	6 years to 7 years.	7 years to 8 years.	Over 8 years.	Under 10 years.	10 years to 11 years.	11 years to 12 years.	Over 12 years.	Under 10 years.	10 years to 11 years.	11 years to 12 years.	Over 12 years.	Under 19 years.	19 years to 20 years.	20 years to 21 years.	Over 21 years.	Re-enlisted.	Not included in foregoing.	
—	—	—	—	—	135	105	63	5	4	4	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	619	34	18	—	250	28	15	9	11	—	1,302
—	—	—	—	—	25	923	67	151	780	858	783	399	—	451	70	69	—	540	22	20	—	861	56	73	36	14	—	9,601
138	55	5	—	—	57	141	325	792	1,059	1,046	975	302	2	923	212	102	2	1,138	39	22	1	1,900	98	97	130	103	8	17,283
—	—	—	—	—	188	57	245	406	341	328	324	252	—	792	244	124	—	661	30	15	—	1,736	158	113	169	30	—	9,176
—	—	—	—	—	9	151	355	296	314	307	331	143	—	544	119	41	—	618	41	24	3	1,228	140	130	62	10	—	6,546
—	—	—	—	—	42	299	366	351	258	343	198	113	—	309	28	20	—	453	19	8	—	422	29	24	37	16	—	6,990
—	—	—	—	—	21	54	589	1,216	1,103	1,198	1,298	1,195	—	2,916	518	422	1	1,260	240	131	—	6,660	390	389	368	528	—	59,509
—	—	—	—	—	6	40	264	292	274	283	200	79	—	436	65	17	—	640	11	4	—	729	50	58	16	32	—	5,417
—	—	—	—	—	26	85	71	267	214	103	158	46	—	321	38	6	—	78	5	1	—	441	44	57	63	—	—	3,270
—	—	—	—	—	2	3	42	63	85	103	56	27	—	123	11	4	—	323	7	9	—	262	17	13	2	9	—	1,441
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	27	23	27	5	1	35	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	1	1	1	—	—	133
138	55	5	—	—	511	1,858	2,387	3,843	4,459	4,596	4,351	2,561	5	6,851	1,306	805	3	9,333	451	255	4	14490	1011	970	893	753	8	120,668
—	—	—	—	—	4	125	23	85	521	518	490	136	—	292	75	59	19	172	8	2	2	331	19	6	14	2	—	3,217
—	—	—	—	—	17	47	72	169	300	380	311	181	—	196	17	4	3	132	7	—	1	176	6	6	4	8	—	2,609
—	—	—	—	—	3	14	164	421	552	640	455	260	—	474	59	25	6	279	12	14	—	609	58	26	34	7	—	6,182
—	—	—	—	—	1	44	174	407	463	397	161	31	—	188	40	12	—	162	6	7	—	416	35	21	9	5	—	2,656
—	—	—	—	—	5	25	61	19	62	44	25	1	—	31	1	2	—	33	—	—	—	29	—	—	—	1	—	710
5	29	—	—	—	25	106	1,412	1,822	2,334	2,646	2,421	1,540	8	1,497	195	254	80	1,700	83	65	6	1,973	88	57	38	259†	—	28,552
—	5	118	96	91	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	51	21	18	—	1,973	86	100	—	327	25	23	64	7	1111	5,164§
—	—	—	—	—	—	1	35	67	105	132	80	20	—	142	28	11	—	62	2	1	—	161	1	4	—	3	—	871
—	—	—	—	—	3	43	34	193	261	174	34	7	—	73	6	2	—	12	2	—	—	133	7	8	1	—	—	1,019
—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	23	92	115	22	2	—	46	7	1	—	110	6	3	—	115	4	4	—	5	—	586
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	6	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	21	—	—	—	23	1	—	—	—	—	83
5	34	118	96	91	58	406	1,978	3,206	4,692	5,052	3,999	2,184	8	3,000	449	388	108	4,656	212	192	9	4,293	244	155	164	297	1111	51,649
—	—	—	—	—	11	434	133	243	1,082	1,184	917	402	11	553	84	53	14	328	19	14	1	446	18	29	18	1	—	6,642
5	—	—	—	—	91	250	437	862	1,513	1,592	1,788	582	31	930	123	133	39	401	33	13	4	978	34	28	35	15	—	10,213
—	—	—	—	—	—	54	205	435	417	547	620	347	32	564	99	91	16	138	8	5	1	665	17	12	15	9	—	5,098
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	3
—	10	1	—	—	25	138	3,001	3,781	4,575	5,920	5,790	4,267	277	3,528	632	1,398	313	2,040	167	87	10	5,117	115	84	87	38	—	51,580
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	64	2	1	—	39	1	2	—	—	—	115
5	10	1	—	—	127	876	3,776	5,321	7,587	9,243	9,115	5,598	351	5,581	938	1,675	382	2,971	229	120	16	7,246	187	155	155	63	—	73,661
148	99	124	96	91	696	3,140	8,141	12370	16738	18891	17465	10343	364	15432	2,693	2,868	493	16960	892	567	29	26638	1442	1280	1212	1,113	1119	245,978

† Including 179 men of the Royal Garrison Regiment.
§ Exclusive of 5,166 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.
¶ Including men of the Royal Horse and Field Artillery enlisted for 6 years.
** Men enlisted for 3 and 7 years who have extended their service to complete 8 years, and Household Cavalry, Cavalry of the Line, and Royal Garrison Artillery enlisted for 8 years with the colours.

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TABLE 3.—TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT, by ranks, of the Non-Commissioned on the 1st

—	Under Original Engagement—Short Service.																								Under Extended							
	For 1 year.	For 2 years.	For 3 years with colours.					For 7 years with colours.‡					For 9 years with colours.‖					To complete 6 years with colours.¶					To complete with		
	Privates.	Privates.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.
AT HOME.																																
Household Cavalry ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line ...	—	—	—	—	—	192	192	15	—	60	3,133	3,208	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	3	16
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	90	45	6,562	6,697	3	6	165	285	459	—	—	—	4	4	—	1	1	647	649	3	56	14
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	—	—	1,038	1,038	—	—	26	95	121	—	—	3	1,796	1,799	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	9
Royal Engineers ...	—	470	—	—	1,105	1,105	—	—	3	99	102	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	3
Foot Guards	—	—	—	—	3,064	3,064*	15	—	97	475	587	—	—	—	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	11	5	12
Infantry of the Line ...	—	144	—	1	151	8,322	8,474	38	—	302	4,737	5,077	4	50	154	22,106	22,314	—	—	—	—	—	55	93	35
Army Service Corps	—	1,518	1	—	3	298	302	—	—	9	92	101	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	—	26
Royal Army Medical Corps	313	—	—	—	—	772	772	—	—	—	161	161	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	6
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	—	—	—	233	233	—	—	17	30	47	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
All Arms ...	313	2,132	1	91	199	21,586	21,877	71	6	679	9,107	9,863	4	50	157	23,910	24,121	—	1	1	647	649	128	157	1,5[illegible]
IN THE COLONIES, EGYPT, AND CRETE.																																
Cavalry of the Line ...	—	—	—	—	—	31	31	5	—	7	266	278	1	—	4	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	4
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	—	—	—	480	480	—	—	11	73	84	—	—	—	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	—	—	—	1,413	1,413	—	—	37	126	163	—	—	1	493	494	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	13
Royal Engineers ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	71	74	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	[illegible]
Foot Guards	—	—	—	—	—	338	338*	—	—	1	29	30	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	[illegible]
Infantry of the Line ...	—	—	1	1	9	3,126	3,137	35	—	136	735	906	1	12	24	5,828	5,865	—	—	1	34	35	105	84	[illegible]
Colonial Corps	—	—	—	1	3	465	469	—	—	9	240	249	31	4	33	262	330	1	4	9	296	310	—	—	[illegible]
Army Service Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	1	—	7	6	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	[illegible]
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	—	—	1	20	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	[illegible]
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	10	16	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	[illegible]
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	18	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	[illegible]
All Arms ...	—	—	1	2	12	5,861	5,876	41	—	224	1,600	1,865	33	16	62	6,591	6,702	1	4	10	330	345	153	84	1,[illegible]
IN INDIA.																																
Cavalry of the Line ...	—	—	—	—	—	47	47	21	—	58	518	597	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	25	4	[illegible]
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	—	—	—	57	57	3	4	73	146	226	—	—	—	10	10	—	—	—	8	8	9	4[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	—	—	—	296	296	—	—	19	33	52	—	—	—	453	453	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	[illegible]
Royal Engineers ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	[illegible]
Infantry of the Line ...	—	—	—	—	1	5,039	5,040	63	—	269	650	982	—	7	4	4,[illegible]	[illegible]	—	—	—	11	11	88	14[illegible]	[illegible]
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	[illegible]
All Arms ...	—	—	—	—	1	5,439	5,440	87	4	419	1,347	1,857	—	7	4	4,622	4,633	—	—	—	19	19	129	20[illegible]	1,[illegible]

* Including men who have extended their service for 4 years.
‡ Including men enlisted for 3 years who have extended their service to complete 7 years with the colours.
‖ Including men enlisted for 3 and 7 years who have extended their service to complete 9 years with the colours.
¶ Including men of the Royal Horse and Field Artillery enlisted for 6 years.

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SERVICES AND AGES.

Officers and Men of the several arms, at Home, in the Colonies, and in India, October, 1906.

Engagement—Short Service.							Long Service—1st Period (12 years with colours).						Re-engaged to complete 21 years with colours.					Re-enlisted					Not included in foregoing.	Total.
8 years colours.**		To complete 12 years with colours.																						
Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Boys.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.		
317	317	—	—	—	1	1	37	17	51	556	10	671	126	7	9	160	302	—	—	—	11	11	—	1,302
3,793	3,989	124	1	149	316	590	5	86	16	312	163	582	582	3	125	316	1,026	6	—	1	7	14	—	9,601
4,466	4,699	95	17	418	709	1,239	5	205	83	553	354	1,200	954	30	412	829	2,225	24	1	29	49	103	8	17,283
2,046	2,143	92	—	213	855	1,160	6	88	62	298	255	709	739	5	351	1,081	2,176	—	—	4	26	30	—	9,176
1,806	1,906	40	—	257	407	704	43	105	48	390	103	689	819	—	425	316	1,560	3	—	—	7	10	—	6,546
1,792	1,970	141	6	70	140	357	4	136	12	194	134	480	250	12	36	214	512	7	1	3	5	16	—	6,990
5,671	6,674	570	252	873	2,162	3,857	32	697	254	2,270	1,381	4,634	2,924	115	773	3,995	7,807	49	6	39	434	528	—	59,509
1,203	1,438	123	—	267	128	518	9	64	60	468	54	655	597	—	75	181	853	18	—	4	10	32	—	5,417
901	970	63	—	131	171	365	1	16	17	30	20	84	308	—	129	168	605	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,270
359	381	51	—	53	34	138	171	3	10	85	70	339	231	—	20	43	294	1	—	1	7	9	—	1,441
72	84	11	—	8	17	36	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	2	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	133
22,426	24,571	1,310	276	2,439	4,940	8,965	313	1,417	613	5,156	2,544	10,043	7,541	172	2,357	7,303	17,373	108	8	81	556	753	8	120,668
1,848	1,902	65	2	71	307	445	—	36	—	115	33	184	184	—	74	112	370	—	—	—	2	2	—	3,217
1,423	1,480	32	—	60	128	220	3	28	18	81	10	140	102	—	42	48	192	2	—	—	6	8	—	2,609
2,388	2,509	67	—	153	344	564	7	60	47	179	12	305	408	—	110	209	727	—	—	4	3	7	—	6,182
1,611	1,681	36	—	103	101	240	15	34	29	89	8	175	328	—	114	39	481	2	—	1	2	5	—	2,656
211	242	20	—	5	9	34	1	13	—	7	12	33	21	2	2	4	29	—	1	—	—	1	—	710
11,570	12,314	378	110	271	1,267	2,026	36	282	96	1,169	271	1,854	943	27	209	977	2,156	60	4	19	176	259†	—	28,552
—	—	23	2	33	32	90	24	48	96	1,968	23	2,159	170	9	54	206	439	—	—	—	7	7	1,111	5,164§
321	440	73	—	63	45	181	7	8	16	33	1	65	131	—	20	15	166	—	—	—	3	3	—	871
682	749	21	—	18	42	81	1	—	2	11	—	14	106	—	28	15	149	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,019
245	258	21	—	16	17	54	98	2	2	17	—	119	104	—	8	11	123	2	—	1	2	5	—	586
6	8	4	—	2	4	10	6	—	9	6	—	21	11	—	9	4	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	83
20,305	21,583	740	114	795	2,296	3,945	198	511	315	3,675	370	5,069	2,508	38	670	1,640	4,856	66	5	25	201	297	1,111	51,649
4,274	4,417	191	1	129	383	704	6	78	11	202	65	362	330	2	56	123	511	—	—	—	1	1	—	6,642
6,879	7,146	137	17	284	787	1,225	17	95	78	230	31	451	427	22	198	428	1,075	4	—	7	4	15	—	10,213
2,522	2,657	42	1	153	574	[illegible]	3	51	19	72	8	152	263	4	121	321	709	2	—	—	7	9	—	5,098
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
26,957	27,774	632	235	611	4,393	5,871	31	387	107	1,529	250	2,304	1,642	47	552	3,162	5,403	7	—	1	30	38	—	51,590
—	—	6	—	—	—	6	65	—	—	2	—	67	42	—	—	—	42	—	—	—	—	—	—	115
40,632	41,994	1,008	254	1,177	6,137	8,576	121	611	215	2,035	354	3,336	2,707	75	927	4,034	7,743	13	—	8	42	63	—	73,661

† Including 179 men of the Royal Garrison Regiment.
§ Exclusive of 5,166 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.
** Men enlisted for 3 and 7 years who have extended their service to complete 8 years, and men of the Household Cavalry, Cavalry of the Line and Royal Garrison Artillery enlisted for 8 years with the colours.

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TABLE 3—*continued.*—TERMS of ENGAGEMENT by ranks of the Non-Commissioned
on the 1st

—	Under Original Engagement—Short Service.																	Under extended							
	For 1 year.	For 2 years.	For 3 years with colours.					For 7 years with colours.†					For 9 years with colours.‡					To complete 6 years with colours.§					To complete with		
	Privates.	Privates.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.
Household Cavalry ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line ...	—	—	—	—	—	270	270	41	—	125	3,917	4,083	1	—	4	3	8	—	—	—	—	—	67	7	[illegible]
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	—	90	45	7,099	7,234	6	10	249	504	769	—	—	—	19	19	—	1	1	655	657	15	105	[illegible]
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	—	—	—	2,747	2,747	—	—	82	254	336	—	—	4	2,742	2,746	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	[illegible]
Royal Engineers	—	470	—	—	—	1,105	1,105	—	—	6	170	176	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	[illegible]
Foot Guards	—	—	—	—	—	3,402	3,402*	15	—	98	504	617	—	—	—	7	7	—	—	—	—	—	11	5	[illegible]
Infantry of the Line ...	—	144	1	2	161	16,487	16,651	136	—	707	6,122	6,965	5	69	182	32,090	32,346	—	—	1	45	46	248	325	[illegible]
Colonial Corps	—	—	—	1	3	465	469	—	—	9	240	249	31	4	33	262	330	1	4	9	296	310	—	—	—
Army Service Corps ...	—	1,518	1	—	3	300	304	1	—	16	98	115	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	—	[illegible]
Royal Army Medical Corps	313	—	—	—	—	777	777	—	—	1	181	182	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	—	[illegible]
Army Ordnance Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	234	234	—	—	27	46	73	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	[illegible]
Army Veterinary Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	18	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	[illegible]
Total—All Arms ...	313	2,132	2	93	212	32,886	33,193	199	10	1,322	12,054	13,585	37	73	223	35,123	35,456	1	5	11	996	1,013	410	[illegible]	[illegible]

* Including men who have extended their service for 4 years.
† Including men enlisted for 3 years who have extended their service to complete 7 years with the colours.
‡ Including men enlisted for 3 and 7 years who have extended their service to complete 9 years with the colours.
§ Including men of the Royal Horse and Field Artillery enlisted for 6 years.

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Officers and Men of the several arms, at Home, in the Colonies, and in India, October, 1906.

Engagement—Short Service.							Long Service—1st Period (12 years with colours).						Re-engaged to complete 21 years with colours.					Re-enlisted.					Not included in foregoing.	Total.
8 years colours.*		To complete 12 years with colours.																						
Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Boys.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates	Total.		
317	317	—	—	—	1	1	37	17	51	556	10	671	126	7	9	160	302	—	—	—	11	11	—	1,302
9,915	10,308	380	4	349	1,006	1,739	11	200	27	629	261	1,128	1,096	5	255	551	1,907	6	—	1	10	17	—	19,460
12,768	13,325	264	34	762	1,624	2,684	25	328	179	864	395	1,791	1,483	52	652	1,305	3,492	30	1	36	59	126	8	30,105
6,956	7,309	201	1	519	1,773	2,494	15	199	128	549	275	1,166	1,410	9	582	1,611	3,612	2	—	8	36	46	—	20,456
3,417	3,587	76	—	360	508	944	58	139	77	479	111	864	1,150	—	539	355	2,044	5	—	1	9	15	—	9,205
2,003	2,212	161	6	75	149	391	5	149	12	201	146	513	271	14	38	218	541	7	2	3	5	17	—	7,700
4,198	46,762	1,580	597	1,755	7,822	11,754	99	1,366	457	4,968	1,902	8,792	5,509	189	1,534	8,134	15,366	116	10	59	640	825†	—	139,651
—	—	23	2	33	32	90	24	48	96	1,968	23	2,159	170	9	54	206	439	—	—	—	7	7	1,111	5,164‡
1,524	1,878	196	—	330	173	699	16	72	76	501	55	720	728	—	95	196	1,019	18	—	4	13	35	—	6,288
1,583	1,719	84	—	149	213	446	2	16	19	41	20	98	414	—	157	183	754	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,289
604	639	78	—	69	51	198	334	5	12	104	70	525	377	—	28	54	459	3	—	2	9	14	—	2,142
78	92	15	—	10	21	46	6	—	9	6	—	21	22	—	11	4	37	—	—	—	—	—	—	216
3,363	88,148	3,058	644	4,411	13,373	21,486	632	2,539	1,143	10,866	3,268	18,448	12,756	285	3,954	12,977	29,972	187	13	114	799	1,113	1,119	245,978

* Men enlisted for 3 and 7 years who have extended their service to complete 8 years, and men of the Household Cavalry, Cavalry of the Line, and Royal Garrison Artillery, enlisted for 8 years with the colours.
† Including 179 men of the Royal Garrison Regiment.
‡ Exclusive of 5,166 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.

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TABLE 4.—AGES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the Colonies, and in India on

—	Under 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	21 to 22 years.	22 to 23 years.	23 to 24 years.	24 to 25 years.	25 to 26 years.	26 to 27 years.	27 to 28 years.	28 to 29 years.
AT HOME.												
Household Cavalry ...	10	36	89	82	76	79	73	101	107	81	81	66
Cavalry of the Line ...	189	562	1,237	1,167	609	609	782	997	911	608	360	249
Roy. Horse & Field Art.	476	1,327	2,392	1,892	1,456	1,424	1,337	1,243	1,065	782	595	468
Royal Garrison Artillery	318	338	649	817	658	620	561	609	557	501	403	393
Royal Engineers	208	235	352	502	495	452	448	499	490	404	318	286
Foot Guards	134	430	711	1,001	945	681	666	561	448	329	209	139
Infantry of the Line ...	1,952	7,278	9,704	10,148	6,012	3,154	2,562	2,605	2,361	1,989	1,419	1,226
Army Service Corps ...	208	520	733	509	403	402	367	412	320	222	177	172
Royal Army Med. Corps	36	220	368	277	234	269	216	212	212	164	141	120
Army Ordnance Corps ...	74	73	85	60	87	106	123	113	121	73	72	49
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	3	4	17	16	22	28	13	6	6
All Arms	3,605	11,019	16,320	16,458	10,979	7,813	7,151	7,374	6,620	5,166	3,781	3,174
IN THE COLONIES, EGYPT, AND CRETE.												
Cavalry of the Line ...	48	55	110	147	93	220	430	436	383	315	188	166
Roy. Horse & Field Art.	20	31	150	213	191	267	292	394	320	225	138	83
Royal Garrison Artillery	58	33	151	615	615	611	638	651	635	491	337	264
Royal Engineers	42	1	2	10	60	250	328	459	309	287	163	140
Foot Guards	13	23	95	145	85	82	67	64	53	31	14	13
Infantry of the Line ...	444	741	2,579	3,650	3,060	2,783	2,901	2,859	2,663	1,850	1,043	705
Colonial Corps	58	44	121	194	262	269	376	372	451	432	471	412
Army Service Corps ...	8	1	—	15	35	98	99	142	82	67	58	47
Royal Army Med. Corps	—	—	11	34	61	150	164	146	88	60	41	37
Army Ordnance Corps ...	2	—	3	18	16	66	82	54	48	40	29	32
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	2	2	11	6	10	12	10	10	2
All Arms	693	929	3,222	5,043	4,480	4,807	5,383	5,587	5,044	3,808	2,492	1,901
IN INDIA.												
Cavalry of the Line ...	83	58	94	374	398	595	780	975	973	654	484	296
Roy. Horse & Field Art.	46	39	49	292	498	941	1,175	1,452	1,326	1,140	765	622
Royal Garrison Artillery	22	18	39	147	327	400	449	507	580	535	378	333
Royal Engineers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infantry of the Line ...	454	293	418	2,670	5,217	5,463	5,874	6,784	6,378	4,403	2,753	1,952
Army Ordnance Corps ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	6	9	13	6	9
All Arms	605	408	600	3,483	6,440	7,400	8,280	9,724	9,266	6,745	4,386	3,212
Total at Home and Abroad ...	4,903	12,356	20,142	24,984	21,899	20,020	20,814	22,685	20,930	15,719	10,659	8,287

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regimental strength of the several arms of the service at Home, in the the 1st October, 1906.

29 to 30 years.	30 to 31 years.	31 to 32 years.	32 to 33 years.	33 to 34 years.	34 to 35 years.	35 to 36 years.	36 to 37 years.	37 to 38 years.	38 to 39 years.	39 to 40 years.	40 to 50 years.	Upwards of 50 years.	Not included in foregoing.	Total.
46	43	49	41	47	30	35	23	27	28	23	28	1	—	1,302
185	153	122	144	141	120	100	74	66	57	62	94	3	--	9,601
402	343	317	274	292	251	216	194	137	121	84	185	8	2	17,283
312	344	321	281	293	198	170	173	144	143	97	253	18	5	9,176
221	201	182	143	137	159	147	116	145	114	98	190	4	—	6,546
118	97	86	82	65	66	51	32	29	21	28	60	1	—	6,990
1,153	965	997	1,013	893	777	622	549	475	489	393	751	22	—	59,509
108	110	93	119	90	83	67	65	74	44	46	71	2	—	5,417
83	78	76	81	65	76	51	36	40	47	45	120	3	—	3,270
46	45	26	51	28	45	32	26	22	22	25	37	—	—	1,441
4	2	1	2	4	—	2	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	132
2,678	2,381	2,270	2,231	2,055	1,805	1,493	1,289	1,159	1,086	902	1,790	62	7	120,668
124	88	64	84	79	47	47	29	15	18	13	18	—	—	3,217
60	34	32	23	29	24	26	16	15	7	7	12	—	—	2,609
243	152	107	88	82	75	76	61	45	49	36	64	1	4	6,182
105	90	54	47	48	51	54	31	26	29	27	43	—	—	2,656
8	3	1	6	2	2	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	710
559	531	455	331	305	247	200	149	123	106	90	176	1	1	28,552
385	270	204	131	102	72	71	53	57	36	39	87	5	190	5,164*
40	35	22	24	23	20	20	9	8	11	5	2	—	—	871
47	26	24	33	21	17	11	12	14	9	4	9	—	—	1,019
39	19	23	29	17	16	10	10	9	5	7	12	—	—	586
3	3	—	—	1	1	1	2	3	3	1	—	—	—	83
1,613	1,251	986	796	709	572	516	373	315	273	231	423	7	195	51,649
205	172	128	86	53	63	46	27	26	16	24	32	—	—	6,642
468	373	276	163	147	106	95	76	44	44	27	47	2	—	10,213
288	245	159	164	110	98	81	73	53	24	29	39	—	—	5,098
—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3
1,950	2,046	1,454	1,006	696	539	401	304	195	123	93	122	2	—	51,590
11	8	7	9	1	3	4	7	4	4	3	8	—	—	115
2,922	2,844	2,024	1,428	1,007	810	628	487	322	211	176	249	4	—	73,661
7,213	6,476	5,280	4,455	3,771	3,187	2,637	2,149	1,796	1,570	1,309	2,462	73	202	245,978

* Exclusive of 5,166 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.

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TABLE 5.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the AGES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the Army in each year from 1898.

Years.	Proportion per 1,000 men.							
	Under 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 25 years.	25 to 30 years.	30 to 35 years.	35 to 40 years.	Over 40 years.
1898, 1st January ..	18	56	79	513	240	63	24	7
1899 „ ..	18	58	91	481	257	65	24	6
1900 „ * ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901 „ * ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902 „ * ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1903 „ ..	23	61	82	438	249	100	39	8
1903, 1st October ..	21	50	93	474	224	89	40	9
1904 „ ..	20	50	84	484	223	89	40	10
1905 „ ..	20	44	85	471	240	92	38	10
1906 „ ..	20	50	82	450	256	94	38	10

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

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PART VIII.—NATIONALITIES, RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS, AND EDUCATIONAL ACQUIREMENTS.

TABLE 1.—NATIONALITIES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the several arms of the Service on the 1st October, 1906.

——	Born in England.	Born in Wales.	Born in Scotland.	Born in Ireland.	Born in India or the Colonies.	British Subjects born in Foreign Countries.	Foreigners.	Not reported.	Total.
Household Cavalry	1,109	19	76	74	21	2	1	—	1,302
Cavalry of the Line	16,165	261	1,491	1,277	249	16	1	—	19,460
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	24,295	654	1,924	2,358	833	32	2	7	30,105
Royal Garrison Artillery	15,334	383	993	3,161	546	24	6	9	20,456
Royal Engineers	7,303	198	512	903	275	14	—	—	9,205
Foot Guards	5,542	157	719	1,201	69	8	4	—	7,700
Infantry of the Line	106,666	2,280	13,456	15,368	1,733	110	19	19	139,651
Colonial Corps	31	3	6	1	4,871	1	60	191	5,164*
Army Service Corps	5,305	90	231	521	120	21	—	—	6,288
Royal Army Medical Corps	3,517	65	259	389	48	11	—	—	4,289
Army Ordnance Corps	1,774	39	95	131	98	5	—	—	2,142
Army Veterinary Corps	194	2	4	13	3	—	—	—	216
All Arms	187,235	4,151	19,766	25,397	8,866	244	93	226	245,978

* Exclusive of 5,166 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.

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TABLE 2.—NATIONALITIES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the Army in each year from 1898.

Year.	English and Welsh.		Scottish.	Irish.	Born in India or the Colonies.		Foreigners.	Not reported.	Total.
1898, 1st January ..	158,648		16,479	26,376	3,027		141	2,236	206,907
1899, „ ..	164,997		17,280	28,352	3,022		96	1,580	215,327
1900, „ * ..	—		—	—	—		—	—	—
1901, „ * ..	—		—	—	—		—	—	—
1902, „ * ..	—		—	—	—		—	—	—
1903, „ ..	213,873		26,303	35,717	8,190		636	18,881	303,600
1903, 1st October ..	202,562		22,442	31,467	10,461		155	266	267,353
1904, „ ..	203,832		21,852	30,654	10,143		145	975	267,601
	Born in England.	Born in Wales.	Born in Scotland.	Born in Ireland.	Born in India or the Colonies.	British Subjects born abroad.			
1905, „ ..	190,192	4,553	20,388	27,785	9,271	282	557†	1,720	254,748
1906, „ ..	187,235	4,151	19,766	25,397	8,866	244	93	226	245,978

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War. † 512 of these were in the Chinese Regiment.

N.B.—Indian or African Native Troops borrowed from India, &c., are excluded throughout this table. Up to 1899 the Colonial Corps are also excluded, but from 1903 onwards they are included.

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TABLE 3.—RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the several arms of the Service on the 1st October, 1906.

——	Church of England.	Presbyterians.	Wesleyans.	Baptists or Congregationalists.	Other Protestants.	Roman Catholics.	Jews.	Mahometans, Hindoos, &c.	Not reported.	Total.
Household Cavalry	1,113	83	40	15	—	50	1	—	—	1,302
Cavalry of the Line	14,929	1,401	947	216	52	1,902	13	—	—	19,460
Royal Horse and Field Artillery ..	22,316	1,791	1,761	419	114	3,676	23	—	5	30,105
Royal Garrison Artillery	14,239	910	1,169	238	113	3,763	16	—	8	20,456
Royal Engineers	6,378	643	821	241	68	1,054	—	—	—	9,205
Foot Guards	5,136	706	405	88	33	1,327	5	—	—	7,700
Infantry of the Line	95,626	12,138	6,363	931	246	24,227	113	—	7	139,651
Colonial Corps	1,508	57	378	232	105	573	—	2,120	191	5,164*
Army Service Corps	4,649	239	413	160	71	751	5	—	—	6,288
Royal Army Medical Corps.. ..	3,040	302	254	102	40	540	11	—	—	4,289
Army Ordnance Corps	1,584	118	159	79	19	182	1	—	—	2,142
Army Veterinary Corps	172	4	16	2	—	22	—	—	—	216
All Arms	170,690	18,392	12,726	2,723	861	38,067	188	2,120	211	245,978

* Exclusive of 5,166 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.

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TABLE 4.—RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the Army in each year from 1898.

Year.	Church of England.	Presbyterians.	Wesleyans.	Baptists and Congregationalists.	Other Protestants.	Roman Catholics.	Jews.	Mahometans, Hindoos, &c.	Not Reported.	Total.	Year.
1898, 1st January ..	140,721	14,984	10,835	1,888		36,183	†	—	2,296	206,907	1898
1899, „	145,842	15,622	11,170	1,958		39,073	†	—	1,662	215,327	1899
1900, „ *	—	—	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	1900*
1901, „ *	—	—	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	1901*
1902, „ *	—	—	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	1902*
1903, „	195,080	22,900	14,284	2,953		46,883	159	2,459	18,882	303,600	1903
1903, 1st October ..	182,963	20,139	13,450	3,232		44,119	185	2,999	266	267,353	1903
1904, „	182,243	20,099	13,200	2,541	878	44,195	181	3,296	968	267,601	1904
1905, „	174,060	18,853	12,912	2,531	1,042	40,632	178	2,838	1,702	254,748	1905
1906, „	170,690	18,392	12,726	2,723	861	38,067	188	2,120	211	245,978	1906

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War. † Included in the numbers "not reported."

N.B.—Indian or African Native Troops borrowed from India, &c., are excluded throughout this table. Up to 1899 Colonial Corps are also excluded, but from 1903 onwards they are included.

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TABLE 5.—EDUCATIONAL ACQUIREMENTS of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the several arms of the Service on the 1st October, 1906, and Educational attainments of Recruits enlisted during the previous year.

Arm.	Strength on the 1st October, 1906.	Men in possession of Certificates on the 1st October, 1906.				Percentage of Certificated to Strength.	Certificates gained during 12 months ending 30th September, 1906.				Educational Attainments of Recruits.†				
		1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.		1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.	Class A.	Class B.	Class C.	Class D.	Total No. examined.
Household Cavalry	1,302	57	456	507	1,020	78·3	14	62	196	272	78	54	37	--	169
Cavalry of the Line	19,460	514	4,983	4,959	10,456	53·7	115	797	1,931	2,843	995	1,181	771	62	3,009
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	30,105	920	7,626	7,396	15,942	53·0	89	758	1,987	2,834	1,295	1,725	1,577	239	4,836
Royal Garrison Artillery	20,456	1,185	6,335	4.702	12,222	59·7	123	898	1,330	2,351	471	552	650	100	1,773
Royal Engineers	9,205	945	3,870	2,084	6,899	75·0	86	569	708	1,363	283	217	250	38	788
Foot Guards	7,700	215	1,748	2,321	4,284	55·7	48	393	603	1,044	214	392	522	100	1,228
Infantry of the Line	139,651	3,125	30,338	35,030	68,493	49·0	530	5,650	12,304	18,484	3,425	6,775	7,645	1,603	19,448
Colonial Corps	5,164*	27	464	457	948	18·4	1	48	82	131	—	—	—	—	—
Army Service Corps	6,288	707	2,153	1,196	4,05[illegible]	64·5	153	314	498	965	270	338	412	85	1,105
Royal Army Medical Corps	4,289	210	1,584	730	2,524	58·8	27	331	464	822	306	358	209	—	873
Army Ordnance Corps	2,142	341	1,087	315	1,743	81·4	53	127	112	292	158	34	14	1	207
Army Veterinary Corps	216	9	93	60	162	75·0	4	21	30	55	—	—	—	—	—
Total	245,978	8,255	60,737	59,757	128,749	52·34	1,243	9,968	20,245	31,456	7,495‡	11,626‡	12,087‡	2,228‡	33,436‡
Percentage of certificated to strength	—	3·36	24·69	24·29	52·34	—	Percentage in the several classes :—				22·42	34·77	36·15	6·66	—

* Exclusive of 5, 166 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.
† Class A :—Men who can read manuscript, write from dictation from Standard II reading book, and work the four simple rules of arithmetic.
Class B :—Men who can only read from print and easy manuscript, write dictation fairly from elementary reader, and work elementary sums.
Class C :—Men who can only read print and write monosyllables from dictation.
Class D :—Men who are practically illiterate.
‡ The Colonial Corps are not included in these totals.

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TABLE 6.—EDUCATIONAL ACQUIREMENTS of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the Army in each year from 1898.

Date.	Strength.	Men in Possession of Certificates.				Percentage of Certificated to Strength.	Certificates gained during preceding 12 months.			
		1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.		1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.
1898, 1st January	213,314	5,766	46,880	27,938	80,584	37·78	1,064	7,075	8,686	16,825
1899, „	222,373	5,631	48,422	31,289	85,342	38·38	924	7,525	9,969	18,418
1900, „ .. .. *	—	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	*
1901, „ .. .. *	—	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	*
1902, „ .. .. *	—	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	*
1903, „	303,600	5,618	43,257	30,985	79,860	26·30	779	5,531	6,948	13,258
1903, 1st October	267,353	6,368	48,705	36,763	91,836	34·35	668§	6,388§	9,650§	16,706§
1904, „	267,601	7,429	54,419	50,080	111,928	41·83	1,393	11,651	27,513	40,557
1905, „	254,748	8,191	57,658	54,905	120,754	47·40	1,440	10,558	21,772	33,770
1906, „	245,978	8,255	60,737	59,757	128,749	52·34	1,243	9,968	20,245	31,456

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War. § Figures for nine months only.

N.B.—Indian or African Native Troops borrowed from India, &c., are excluded throughout this table. The figures for 1898 include warrant officers and certain men not on the regimental strength.

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PART IX.—HORSES AND MULES.

TABLE 1.—STRENGTH and DISTRIBUTION of the PUBLIC HORSES and MULES (Regimental) on the British Establishment, on the 1st October, 1906, and the number required to complete each arm of the service.

—	Strength on British Establishment.									
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards and Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	Colonial Corps.	Unposted Remounts.	All Arms.
At Home.										
England	796	4,724	6,124	174	671	1,365	1,465	—	913	16,232
Scotland	—	517	15	—	9	24	31	—	—	596
Ireland..	—	1,540	1,865	2	69	147	435	—	132	4,190
Channel Islands	—	—	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	12
Total	796	6,781	8,004	176	749	1,548	1,931	—	1,045	21,030
In the Colonies, &c.										
Egypt	—	510	92	3	2	146	—	—	—	753
South Africa and St. Helena	—	2,050	1,784	8	269	2,062	1,827	—	737	8,737
Gibraltar, Malta, Cyprus and Crete..	—	—	—	10	—	17	—	1	—	28
Ceylon, Singapore, China and Mauritius	—	—	—	2	—	5	—	627	—	634
Bermuda and Jamaica ..	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	4	—	6
Total	—	2,560	1,876	24	271	2,231	1,827	632	737	10,158
General Total	796	9,341	9,880	200	1,020	3,779	3,758	632	1,782	31,188
* ESTABLISHMENT ..	828	9,878	10,311	286	1,201	4,837	5,688	564	—	33,593†
Wanting to complete	32	537	431	86	181	1,058	1,930	—	—	2,405
Supernumerary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	68	1,782	—

* As provided in Army Estimates 1906-1907.

† These figures do not include 889 horses taken in the Estimates for Militia, &c.

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TABLE 2.—STRENGTH of the PUBLIC HORSES and MULES in each arm of the Service on the British Establishment, in each year from 1898.

Date.	Strength on British Establishment.									
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards and Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	China, Somaliland, and Colonial Corps.	Unposted Remounts.	All Arms.
1st January, 1898..	824	7,536	4,589		419	1,459	1,307	—	154	16,288
„ 1899..	820	7,654	5,083		408	1,486	1,283	—	244	16,978
„ 1900..	862	12,349	10,280	498	607	5,102	1,981	—	22,984	54,663
„ 1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*
„ 1902*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*
„ 1903..	833	22,784	10,062	356	689	9,051	1,116	—	1,313	46,204
1st October, 1903..	783	11,407	10,331	211	879	5,687	1,687	10,586	3,690	45,261
„ 1904..	784	9,402	10,301	211	894	4,181	1,970	4,144	3,369	35,256
„ 1905..	803	9,180	10,216	157	990	4,633	4,658	714	2,247	33,598
„ 1906..	796	9,341	9,880	200	1,020	3,779	3,758	632	1,782	31,188

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

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PART X.—ARMY RESERVE.

N.B.—As regards the conditions of service in the various sections of the Reserve, *see* note on p. 114.

TABLE 1.—INCREASE AND DECREASE of the ARMY RESERVE by ARMS, during the TWELVE MONTHS ending 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

	Sections A and B.														Section D.										Total (A, B, and D).
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	R.H.A. and R.F.A.	R.G.A.	R.E.	Foot Guards.	Infantry.	R. Malta Arty.	Army Service Corps.	R.A.M.C.	A.O.C.	A. Pay C.	A. Post Off. C.	Total.	Cavalry of the Line.	R.H.A. and R.F.A	R.G.A.	R.E.	Foot Guards.	Infantry.	A.S.C.	R.A.M.C.	A.O.C.	Total.	
Effectives on 1st October, 1905	40	6,348	6,009	3,745	3,224	6,261	18,604	12[illegible]	2,994	1,291	181	20	242	79,390	950	1,277	85[illegible]	67	610	10,665	477	150	34	15,380	94,770
INCREASE.																									
From the Colours...	19	1,094	2,454	2,374	825	1,097	16,178	37	861	253	94	2	61	25,349	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25,349
Enlisted in Section "D"	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	184	129	113	10	84	1,577	23	20	2	2,142	2,142
Re-engaged for Section "D"	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	146	218	128	88	76	1,759	22	21	7	2,465	2,465
Re-joined from absence	—	11	11	7	1	12	99	2	11	6	—	—	—	160	1	1	1	—	2	3	—	—	—	8	168
Other causes (net)	—	—	5	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	2	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	6	15
Total Increase	19	1,105	2,470	2,381	826	1,109	16,281	39	872	259	94	2	61	25,518	331	350	243	98	162	3,342	45	41	9	4,621	30,139
DECREASE.																									
Died	—	18	32	20	12	36	200	2	12	8	2	—	—	342	5	10	5	3	6	100	3	—	—	132	474
Discharged :—																									
On completion of engagement	8	924	556	588	260	395	5,235	18	174	82	24	3	168	8,435	20	132	81	28	18	366	113	9	1	768	9,203
As invalids	—	3	10	5	—	8	71	—	2	4	—	—	—	103	—	2	3	3	4	19	2	1	—	34	137
By purchase	—	10	4	1	2	2	14	—	3	1	1	—	—	38	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	38
Free by indulgence	—	1	—	—	1	—	2	1	9	—	—	—	—	14	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	16
For misconduct	—	6	4	9	2	18	134	2	—	3	—	—	—	178	—	—	1	—	2	16	—	—	—	19	197
Miscellaneous	—	—	18	35	26	2	13	—	—	1	—	—	5	100	1	1	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	6	106
Total discharged	8	944	592	638	291	425	5,469	21	188	91	25	3	173	8,868	21	135	87	32	25	403	115	10	1	829	9,697
Retransferred to the Colours	—	51	94	10	7	38	506	3	1	5	10	—	—	725	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	3	728
Struck off for absence	—	73	74	76	26	48	499	5	43	16	1	—	—	861	6	7	3	2	3	39	—	1	—	61	922
Re-engaged for Section "D"	—	146	218	127	88	76	1,750	—	24	21	7	—	—	2,457	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,457
Other causes (net)	—	6	—	4	2	—	—	—	4	—	—	19	—	35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	35
Total Decrease	8	1,238	1,010	875	426	623	8,424	31	272	141	45	22	173	13,288	32	152	96	37	34	544	118	11	1	1,025	14,313
Net Increase	11	—	1,460	1,506	400	486	7,857	8	600	118	49	—	—	12,230	299	198	146	61	128	2,798	—	30	8	3,596	15,826
Net Decrease	—	133	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	112	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	73	—	—	—	—
Effectives on 1st October, 1906	51	6,215	7,469	5,251	3,624	6,750	56,461	13[illegible]	3,594	1,409	230	—	130	91,620	1,249	1,475	997	128	738	13,463	104	180	42	18,976	110,596

The figures in this table represent the increase and decrease of the Army Reserve as reported by officers in charge of Reservists' documents; the numbers "from the Colours" do not quite agree with those returned as passed to the Reserve by units, &c., *see* p. 112.

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TABLE 2.—Increase and Decrease of the Army Reserve in each year from 1897.

—	1897.		1898.		1899.		1900.		1901.		1902.		1st Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903.		1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.		1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905.		1st Oct. 1905. to 30th Sept., 1906.	
	Secs. A, B, C.	Sec. D.	Secs. A, B, C.	Sec. D.	Secs. A, B, C.	Sec. D.	Secs. A, B, C.	Sec. D.	Secs. A, B, C.	Sec. D.	Secs. A, B. C.	Sec. D.	Secs. A, B, C.	Sec. D.	Secs. A, B, C.	Sec. D.	Secs. A and B	Sec. D.	Secs. A and B	Sec. D.
Effectives on first day of each period	70,927	7,173	68,651	13,354	62,034	16,764	10,274	13,856	3,268	1,983	1,167	1,231	29,784	3,081	59,827	6,644	64,754	10,186	79,390	15,380
INCREASE.																				
From the Colours	16,646	—	16,189	—	12,902	—	3,269	—	487	83	31,805†	1,070†	37,267*†	961*†	17,117	—	26,510	—	24,749	—
Enlisted in Section D ...	—	2,802	—	1,596	—	1,437	—	563	—	28	—	1,679	—	3,515*	—	3,219	—	3,329	—	2,142
Re-engaged for Section D ...	—	4,250	—	2,000	—	1,214	—	47	—	—	—	105	—	469*	—	1,287	—	2,125	—	2,465
Rejoined from absence ...	157	3	119	12	216	26	188	59	11	9	9	8	82*	4*	119	3	119	4	160	8
Other causes (net)	8	—	—	—	8	1	79	26	—	—	—	—	42*	—	91	—	—	2	9	6
Total increase	16,811	7,055	16,308	3,608	13,126	2,678	3,476	695	498	120	31,814	2,862	37,391*	4,949*	17,327	4,509	26,629	5,460	24,918	4,621
DECREASE.																				
Died	532	61	434	100	425	143	60	80	15	21	54	22	187*	19*	282	48	283	90	342	132
Discharged :—																				
On completion of engagement	13,362	762	15,170	1	11,113	6	356	754	225	517	2,027	955	5,968*	1,344*	9,301	856	8,254	95	7,835	768
As invalids	64	7	93	13	402	23	1,826	838	219	21	5	4	20*	2*	109	10	87	13	103	34
By purchase	19	—	14	—	17	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	11*	—	75	—	32	2	38	—
Free by indulgence ...	6	1	1	3	4	2	4	2	15	4	1	3	—	—	3	2	7	3	14	2
For misconduct	120	10	97	18	113	24	12	5	—	—	—	—	8*	—	86	8	147	18	178	19
Miscellaneous	13	1	3	3	8	3	22	13	124	45	7	1	28*	1*	155	11	41	6	100	6
Total discharged ...	13,584	781	15,378	38	11,657	58	2,220	1,612	584	587	2,040	963	6,035*	1,347*	9,729	887	8,568	137	8,268	829
Rejoined Colours	68	—	4,543	1	50,721‡	5,290‡	7,853‡	10663‡	1,873‡	241‡	855	12	369*	2*	409	1	305	3	725	3
Re-engaged for Section D ...	4,250	—	2,000	—	1,214	—	47	—	—	—	105	—	469*	—	1,287	—	2,071	—	2,457	—
Struck off for absence ...	646	29	565	59	867	87	259	182	103	19	31	7	288*	6*	693	23	683	36	861	61
Other causes (net)	7	3	5	—	2	8	43	31	24	4	112	8	—	12*	—	8	83	—	35	—
Total decrease	19,087	874	22,925	198	64,886	5,586	10,482	12,568	2,599	872	3,197	1,012	7,348*	1,386*	12,400	967	11,993	266	12,688	1,025
Net increase	—	6,181	—	3 410	—	—	—	—	—	—	28,617	1,850	30,043*	3,563*	4,927	3,542	14,636	5,194	12,230	3,596
Net decrease	2,276	—	6,617	—	51,760	2,908	7,006	11,873	2,101	752	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Effectives on the first day of each period following ..	68,651	13,354	62,034	16,764	10,274	13,856	3,268	1,983	1,167	1,231	29,784	3,081	59,827	6,644	64,754	10,186	79,390	15,380	91,620	18,976

* Figures during nine months only.

† These figures include men retransferred to the Reserve on demobilization.

‡ These figures include men transferred to the Colours on mobilization.

N.B.—The figures in this table represent the increase and decrease of the Army Reserve as reported in returns received from officers in charge of the Reservists' documents, and do not, as regards the numbers "from the Colours" during the above period quite agree with the numbers passed to the Reserve from units, &c., as shown on page 113.

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TABLE 3.—STRENGTH of the ARMY RESERVE, showing the composition of the force, on the first day of each quarter from 1st October, 1905, to 1st October, 1906.

—	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse Artillery.	Royal Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry.	Royal Malta Artillery.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	Total.
1st October, 1905—															
Section A	—	—	1	531	—	—	210	3,100	—	197	94	—	—	—	4,133
,, B	40	6,348	1,000	4,477	3,745	3,224	6,054	45,504	428	2,797	1,197	181	20	242	75,257
,, D	—	950	251	1,026	850	367	610	10,665	—	477	150	34	—	—	15,380
Total	40	7,298	1,252	6,034	4,595	3,591	6,874	59,269	428	3,471	1,441	215	20	242	94,770
1st January, 1906—															
Section A	—	—	—	606	—	—	241	2,762	—	190	96	—	—	—	3,895
,, B	44	6,491	1,066	5,122	4,034	3,218	6,108	47,139	424	3,129	1,263	193	20	198	78,449
,, D	—	1,059	279	1,112	931	397	654	11,677	—	493	165	36	—	—	16,803
Total	44	7,550	1,345	6,840	4,965	3,615	7,003	61,578	424	3,812	1,524	229	20	198	99,147
1st April, 1906—															
Section A	—	—	—	550	—	—	236	2,012	—	176	96	—	—	—	3,070
,, B	47	6,409	1,070	5,578	4,755	3,232	6,171	51,065	419	3,539	1,312	221	—	135	83,953
,, D	—	1,175	297	1,208	994	422	710	12,753	—	493	171	37	—	—	18,260
Total	47	7,584	1,367	7,336	5,749	3,654	7,117	65,830	419	4,208	1,579	258	—	135	105,283
1st July, 1906—															
Section A	—	—	—	586	—	—	223	2,264	—	163	86	—	—	—	3,322
,, B	50	6,340	1,076	5,663	4,990	3,447	6,268	52,635	426	3,515	1,355	232	—	129	86,066
,, D	—	1,243	305	1,242	1,036	443	744	13,512	—	463	180	40	—	—	19,208
Total	50	7,583	1,381	7,491	6,026	3,890	7,175	68,411	426	4,141	1,621	272	—	129	108,596
1st October, 1906—															
Section A	—	—	—	625	—	—	229	2,607	—	151	65	—	—	—	3,677
,, B	51	6,215	1,045	5,799	5,251	3,624	6,521	53,854	436	3,443	1,344	230	—	130	87,943
,, D	—	1,249	280	1,195	997	428	738	13,463	—	404	180	42	—	—	18,976
Total	51	7,464	1,325	7,619	6,248	4,052	7,488	69,924	436	3,998	1,589	272	—	130	110,596

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TABLE 4.—SERVICES of the men transferred to the Army Reserve from the Colours during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1906.

Past services towards completion of engagement.	Transfers from													
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Royal Malta Artillery.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	All Arms.
On enlistment ..	—	—	—	—	110	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	61*	171
Under 2 years ..	—	—	—	8	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
2 to 3 years ..	—	—	62	120	66	71	10	—	514	—	15	—	—	858
3 to 4 years ..	—	366	1,407	1,423	230	621	10,009	—	310	213	44	—	—	14,623
4 to 5 years ..	—	1	2	1	68	41	281	—	1	3	4	—	—	402
5 to 6 years ..	—	51	19	9	65	47	41	—	3	2	12	—	—	249
6 to 7 years ..	—	16	40	69	116	34	108	1	3	1	3	—	—	391
7 to 8 years ..	—	299	276	216	78	217	1,441	26	11	13	11	—	—	2,588
8 to 9 years ..	8	287	543	432	59	48	4,108	3	19	18	5	—	—	5,530
9 to 10 years ..	6	3	5	2	8	4	108	—	—	1	—	—	—	137
10 to 11 years ..	5	6	3	16	2	1	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	48
After 11 years ..	—	2	3	13	10	—	15	1	—	—	—	—	—	44
Relegated	—	10	8	8	—	9	42	—	—	—	—	—	—	77
Not reported ..	—	52	3	50	1	15	17	—	—	—	—	2	—	140
Total	19	1,093	2,371	2,367	813	1,108	16,199	31	861	251	94	2	61	25,270

* On re-enlistment.

N.B.—The figures in this table represent the men transferred to the Reserve as returned by units, &c., during the above period, and do not quite agree with the numbers taken on the strength of the Reserve as "from the Colours" in Table I., p. 109, the latter figures being compiled from returns received from officers in charge of reservists' documents.

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TABLE 5.—SERVICES of MEN transferred from the Colours to the Army Reserve during each year from 1897.

Year.	Services of Men transferred.													Relegated.	Demobilized.	Total transferred to Army Reserve.
	On enlistment.	Under 2 years.	After 2 years.	After 3 years.	After 4 years.	After 5 years.	After 6 years.	After 7 years.	After 8 years.	After 9 years.	After 10 years.	After 11 years.	Service not stated.			
1897		141		593	15	544	301	12,642	2,064	176	197	58	6	67	—	16,804
1898		155		696	17	428	321	12,146	2,109	116	125	38	—	69	—	16,220
1899*		—		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	61	—	12,904
1900*		—		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41	—	3,055
1901*		—		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	85	—	804
1902		—		3,462	756	552	777	7,281	5,873				435	137	17,559	36,832
1st Jan. to 30th Oct., 1903		9†		4,078†	119†	995†	342†	8,761†	4,633†	4,015†	3,610†	571†	619†	54†	10,340†	38,146†
Years ending— 30th Sept., 1904 ..		30		4,493	444	1,042	570	8,827	1,389	184	86	96	—	66	28	17,255
30th Sept., 1905 ..	72	313	6,038	8,556	709	1,200	729	5,805	2,607	73	50	75	65	42	—	26,334
30th Sept., 1906 ..	171	12	858	14,623	402	249	391	2,588	5,530	137	48	44	140	77	—	25,270

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.
† Figures for nine months only.

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TABLE 6.—AGES of the MEN composing the ARMY RESERVE on the 1st October, 1906.

	Under 30 years of age.		30 to 35 years.		35 to 40 years.		Over 40 years.		Total.	
	Sections		Sections		Sections		Sections		Sections	
	A and B	D	A and B	D	A and B	D	A and B	D	A and B	D
Household Cavalry	23	—	27	—	1	—	—	—	51	—
Cavalry of the Line	5,139	12	1,069	1,059	7	175	—	3	6,215	1,249
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	6,227	5	1,220	1,135	18	328	4	7	7,469	1,475
Royal Garrison Artillery	3,842	11	1,343	735	66	238	—	13	5,251	997
Royal Engineers	2,602	5	799	231	148	180	75	12	3,624	428
Foot Guards	5,402	1	1,301	498	47	231	—	8	6,750	738
Infantry of the Line	47,848	200	8,431	10,514	179	2,681	3	68	56,461	13,463
Army Service Corps	3,330	3	260	278	4	118	—	5	3,594	404
Royal Malta Artillery	317	—	119	—	—	—	—	—	436	—
Royal Army Medical Corps	1,150	—	244	107	15	66	—	7	1,409	180
Army Ordnance Corps	176	30	53	10	1	2	—	—	230	42
Army Post Office Corps	82	—	44	—	3	—	1	—	130	—
Total	76,138	267	14,910	14,567	489	4,019	83	123	91,620	18,976

NOTE AS TO THE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE RESERVE.

Section B is the ordinary Reserve, and consists of men completing, in the Reserve, the term of their original engagement. It now includes Section C, in which men who had converted a period of Colour service into Reserve service used to serve until the time when their correct date of transfer to the Reserve arrived, when they passed into Section B.

Section A consists of men who undertake during their first year of Reserve service a liability to be called out in certain circumstances, without the general Reserve being mobilized. It was established by Royal Warrant of 8th October, 1898 (Army Order 142 of 1898).

Section D consists of men who, having completed the term of their original engagement (12 years), either with the Colours or in the Reserve, re-engage (or re-enlist) for a further period of four years in the Reserve. (Established by Royal Warrant, 21st March, 1883—Clause 62, Army Circulars, 1883.)

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TABLE 7.—YEARS in which the engagements of the Men composing the Army Reserve on the 1st October, 1906, will expire.

—	Men of Sections A and B. During periods from 1st October to 30th September.											Men of Section D. During periods from 1st October to 30th September.					
	1906–7	1907–8	1908–9	1909–10	1910–11	1911–12	1912–13	1913–14	1914–15	1915–16	Total.	1906–7	1907–8	1908–9	1909–10	1909-10. 2nd engagement.*	Total.
Household Cavalry	7	23	14	6	—	1	—	—	—	—	51	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line	833	1,032	785	1,053	558	366	67	1,157	364	—	6,215	217	388	325	318	1	1,249
Royal Horse and Field Artillery ..	652	926	1,070	1,163	424	445	75	1,297	1,417	—	7,469	451	327	341	354	2	1,475
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	772	733	742	786	117	89	6	537	1,447	22	5,251	190	197	376	233	1	997
Royal Engineers ..	332	372	358	467	400	510	397	370	354	64	3,624	122	99	105	98	4	428
Foot Guards * ..	503	502	813	1,025	944	798	749	734	611	71	6,750	192	227	160	158	1	738
Infantry of the Line	6,998	7,490	7,756	8,034	2,702	2,488	2,636	6,575	11,779	3	56,461	3,358	3,028	3,778	3,298	1	13,463
Army Service Corps	137	195	228	235	400	471	640	346	432	510	3,594	167	83	104	44	6	404
Royal Malta Artillery	28	148	122	34	75	28	—	1	—	—	436	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	83	130	61	154	145	242	236	176	182	—	1,409	52	38	49	41	—	180
Army Ordnance Corps	22	21	19	35	12	12	11	47	38	13	230	13	15	4	9	1	42
Army Post Office Corps	—	1	—	44	14	71	—	—	—	—	130	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms ..	10,367	11,573	11,968	13,036	5,791	5,521	4,817	11,240	16,624	683	91,620	4,762	4,402	5,242	4,553	17	18,976

* Men of certain trades are allowed to re-engage for further periods of 4 years in Section D.

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PART XI.—MILITIA.

TABLE 1.—STATE of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom at the dates of the annual inspections of the several units during the year 1906, and strength of the CHANNEL ISLANDS and COLONIAL MILITIA.

MILITIA OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.	By Ranks.											By Arms.										
		Permanent Staff.					Militiamen.															
	Militia Officers.	Officers.	Warrant Officers.	Serjeants.	Trumpeters, Buglers, or Drummers.	Rank and File.	Serjeants.	Corporals, Bombardiers and 2nd Corporals.	Buglers.	Gunners, Drivers, and Suppers, Privates.	All Ranks.	English and Welsh Units.	Scottish Units.	Irish Units.	Total.	Field Artillery.	Garrison Artillery.	Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	All Arms.
†Present at training ..	2,059	289	156	2,772	1,121	96	2,064	3,896	10	71,839	84,302‡	54,868	10,330	19,104	84,302‡	374	12,854	1,603‡	68,434	1,037	84,302‡
Absent—																					
With leave	314	4	4	65	18	—	147	281	—	4,889	5,722‡	4,187	626	909	5,722‡	15	826	710‡	4,117	54	5,722‡
Without leave ..	9	—	—	—	—	—	24	88	1	3,912	4,034	2,720	591	723	4,034	23	685	90	3,164	72	4,034
Total strength ..	2,382	293	160	2,837	1,139	96	2,235	4,265	11	80,640	94,058‡	61,775	11,547	20,736	94,058‡	412	14,365	2,403‡	75,715	1,163	94,058‡
Establishment ..	3,431	298	162	2,903	1,177	95	2,575	5,302	16	115,585	131,544*	86,351	15,914	29,279	131,544*	432*	18,622	2,564	108,293	1,633	131544*
Wanting to complete	1,049	5	2	66	38	—	340	1,037	5	34,945	37,486	24,576	4,367	8,543	37,486	20	4,257	161	32,578	470	37,486
Supernumerary ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
CHANNEL ISLANDS AND COLONIAL MILITIA.												Date for which strength is given :—									
Channel Islands Militia	93	8	8	80	2	—	114	179	41	2,537	3,062	1st July, 1906				—	647	101	2,267	47	3,062
Royal Malta Militia ..	51	4	2	36	16	7	60	65	—	1,346	1,587	1st October, 1906 ..				—	—	25	1,562	—	1,587
Bermuda Militia ..	7	—	—	4	—	—	8	20	4	170	213					—	213	—	—	—	213

N.B.—The above table, in detail for each unit in the United Kingdom, is given in the Militia Training Return for 1906 presented to Parliament.

* As provided for in Army Estimates, exclusive of the establishment (864 of all ranks) of 2 Brigades (6 Batteries) of Royal Field Artillery (Militia), not formed.

† Including recruits drilling at depôts and trained recruits absent with leave.

‡ The training of 10 units of Royal Engineer (Militia) Submarine Miners was dispensed with. The strength of these units on 1st July, 1906, is included in the numbers absent with leave.

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TABLE 2.—STRENGTH of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom at the dates of the inspections of the several corps in each year from 1897.

Year.	By Ranks.											English and Welsh Units.	Scottish Units.	Irish Units.	Total.	By Arms.					
	Militia Officers.	Permanent Staff.					Militiamen.				All Ranks.					Royal Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	All Arms.
		Officers.	Warrant Officers.	Sergeants.	Drummers, &c.	Rank and File.	Sergeants.	Corporals, Bombardiers and 2nd Corporals.	Buglers.	Privates.											
1897	2,766	285	13	3,049	1,158	—	2,305	4,937	—	100,075	114,588	74,759	14,127	25,702	114,588	—	16,999	2,024	95,173	392	114,588
1898	2,815	282	6	3,024	1,159	—	2,252	4,886	—	99,015	113,439	73,659	13,684	26,096	113,439	—	16,886	2,098	94,114	341	113,439
1899	2,752	284	5	2,974	1,140	—	2,225	4,785	—	95,386	109,551	70,583	12,988	25,980	109,551	—	16,449	2,015	90,784	273	109,551
1900*	2,972	293	4	3,010	1,104	—	2,820	4,828	3	81,191	96,225	65,070	10,953	20,202	96,225	—	15,124	2,009	78,940	152	96,225
1901*	2,838	285	151	2,744	1,066	110	3,283	5,131	—	90,064	105,672	74,253	11,316	20,103	105,672	503	15,396	2,232	87,306	235	105,672
1902*	2,668	296	159	2,811	1,078	101	3,110	5,222	—	98,618	114,063	81,172	12,779	20,112	114,063	483	15,974	2,405	94,418	783	114,063
1903	2,765	301	162	2,806	1,086	91	2,468	4,782	—	91,503	105,964	74,290	11,914	19,760	105,964	434	15,222	2,471	87,095	742	105,964
1904	2,583	300	161	2,846	1,138	97	2,203	4,336	—	85,362	99,026	67,827	11,557	19,642	99,026	460	14,992	2,419	80,337	818	99,026
1905	2,460	296	162	2,851	1,134	95	2,150	4,230	1	83,224	96,603	64,892	11,615	20,096	96,603	428	14,909	2,504	77,881	881	96,603
1906	2,382	293	160	2,837	1,139	96	2,235	4,265	11	80,640	94,058	61,775	11,547	20,736	94,058	412	14,365	2,403	75,715	1,163	94,058

* During the years 1900, 1901, and 1902, owing to the war in South Africa and there being no inspections, the strength on the 1st July is given.

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MILITIA.

TABLE 3.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom (exclusive of Officers and Permanent Staff) during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1906, by Countries and by Arms.

—	Countries.			Arms.					Total.
	English Units.	Scottish Units.	Irish Units.	Royal Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	
Strength, 1st October 1905	57,601	10,238	17,975	251	13,003	2,154	69,629	777	85,814
INCREASE.									
Enlisted:—									
To drill on enlistment at Depôt	18,332	2,237	2,434	96	1,768	391	19,776	972	23,003
Preliminary drill and training	3,090	790	1,849	1	1,161	135	4,425	7	5,729
Re-enlisted	2,238	416	1,079	3	584	41	3,075	30	3,733
Joined from Desertion	447	139	121	1	137	14	550	5	707
Reverted from Reserve Division	3	2	3	—	—	—	8	—	8
Other causes (net) ..	—	—	9	2	48	—	—	5	—
Total Increase..	24,110	3,584	5,495	103	3,698	581	27,834	1019	33,180
DECREASE.									
Died	246	64	82	1	74	9	306	2	392
Discharged:—									
On termination of engagement	6,313	890	1,180	12	1,092	197	7,061	21	8,383
As invalids	1,700	239	567	9	428	106	1,944	19	2,506
Recruits rejected after attestation	619	67	201	1	212	56	616	2	887
By purchase ..	3,299	373	406	23	389	57	3,489	120	4,078
On conviction of felony	382	51	75	1	76	15	409	7	508
For misconduct other than felony	232	59	85	2	80	6	275	13	376
Mis-statement as to age on attestation	116	54	90	—	12	1	245	2	260
Not likely to become efficient	171	29	61	—	68	2	185	6	261
For other causes ..	112	13	61	—	24	8	120	34	186
Total discharged	12,944	1,775	2,726	48	2,381	448	14,344	224	17,445
Struck off as Deserters and Absentees	2,892	698	812	22	769	121	3,410	80	4,402
Joined Regular Army	10,150	1,009	1,250	52	1,002	86	10,808	461	12,409
Joined Royal Navy and Royal Marines	562	8	33	—	47	2	522	32	603
Other causes (net) ..	3	29	—	—	—	6	72	—	23
Total Decrease ..	26,797	3,583	4,903	123	4,273	672	29,462	799	35,274
Net { Increase ..	—	1	592	—	—	—	—	220	—
Net { Decrease ..	2,687	—	—	20	575	91	1,628	—	2,094
Strength, 1st October 1906	54,914	10,239	18,567	231	12,428	2,063	68,001	997	83,720
Re-engaged during year	—	—	—	4	765	84	2,823	12	3,688

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TABLE 4.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the Militia of the United Kingdom (exclusive of Officers and Permanent Staff) during each year from 1897.

	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1st Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903.	Years ending 30th Sept., 1904.	Years ending 30th Sept., 1905.	Years ending 30th Sept., 1906.
Strength on the 1st day of each year ..	107,878	105,531	103,647	98,130	92,741	102,845	102,420	89,743	86,491	85,814
INCREASE.										
Enlisted { to drill on enlistment ..	38,246	31,008	31,659	34,188	33,732	35,597	18,756†	27,694	22,609	23,003
Enlisted { for preliminary drill ..		9,100	8,994	3,665	3,912	5,889	7,018†	7,570	7,332	5,729
Re-enlisted	1,760	2,019	2,012	1,342	1,212	2,986	3,623†	4,590	4,001	3,733
Joined from desertion	902	886	1,069	2,449	1,179	1,224	1,013†	1,160	1,053	707
Re-transfers from Regular Army	—	—	—	1,222*	3,537*	6,668*	29*†	—	—	—
Reverted from Reserve Division	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	35	26	8
Other causes (net)	—	—	—	—	—	18	104†	—	9	—
Total increase	40,908	43,013	43,734	42,866	43,572	52,382	30,543†	41,049	35,030	33,180
DECREASE.										
Died	412	383	503	813	852	706	352†	425	369	392
Discharged—										
On termination of engagement ..	19,647	4,870	4,775	2,531	7,559	13,106	9,518†	10,714	7,740	8,383
As invalids		2,803	3,155	4,995	1,853	2,630	2,293†	2,554	2,554	2,506
Recruits rejected after attestation ..		710	877	578	444	816	933†	1,011	1,323	887
By purchase		10,266	11,793	1,830	1,607	3,712	6,793†	5,578	4,442	4,078
On conviction of felony		430	487	260	289	371	439†	563	523	508
For misconduct other than felony ..		348	332	516	479	497	434†	558	521	376
Misstatement as to age on attestation								361	335	260
Not likely to become efficient ..		381	601	1,354	1,330	1,521	594†	210	468	261
For other causes										186
Total discharged	19,647	19,808	22,020	12,064	13,561	22,653	21,004†	21,524	17,906	17,445
Struck off as deserters or absentees	8,417	8,716	10,144	11,920	3,366	10,454	9,435†	6,704	4,999	4,402
Militia Reserve posted to Regular Army ..	—	—	2,156	12,203	89	—	—	—	—	—
Joined Regular Army	14,751	15,963	13,518	10,715	14,907	18,373	11,870†	14,932	12,103	12,409
Joined Royal Navy or Marines ..			722	247	666	621	559†	716	330	603
Others causes (net)	28	27	188	293	27	—	—	—	—	23
Total decrease	43,255	44,897	49,251	48,255	33,468	52,807	43,220†	44,301	35,707	35,274
Net { Increase	—	—	—	—	10,104	—	—	—	—	—
Net { Decrease	2,347	1,884	5,517	5,389	—	425	12,677†	3,252	677	2,094
							1st Oct., 1903	1st Oct., 1904	1st Oct., 1905	1st Oct., 1906
Strength on the 1st of following year ..	105,531	103,647	98,130	92,741	102,845	102,420	89,743	86,491	85,814	83,720

* Militia reserve on Demobilization.

† Figures for nine months only.

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TABLE 5.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the RESERVE DIVISION of the MILITIA during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1906.

	English and Welsh Units.	Scottish Units.	Irish Units.	Total.	Royal Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	All Arms.
Strength on 1st October, 1905 ..	5,806	986	865	7,657	45	525	51	7,019	17	7,657
INCREASE:—										
Enlistment from Royal Garrison Regiment ..	197	35	60	292	4	10	—	278	—	292
Other causes (net)	2	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
Total increase ..	199	35	61	293	4	11	—	278	—	293
DECREASE:—										
Died	63	8	7	78	—	7	—	71	—	78
Discharged:— On termination of engagement	6	3	2	11	—	—	—	11	—	11
By purchase ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
For misconduct	9	3	1	13	—	—	—	13	—	13
As invalids ..	4	3	1	8	—	—	—	8	—	8
For other causes	14	1	1	16	—	—	—	16	—	16
Total discharged..	33	10	5	48	—	—	—	48	—	48
Struck off as deserters and absentees	27	4	2	33	—	1	—	32	—	33
Joined Regular Army	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reverted to Militia	3	2	3	8	—	—	—	8	—	8
Other causes (net)	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Decrease..	126	26	17	167	—	8	—	159	—	167
Net { Increase ..	73	9	44	126	4	3	—	119	—	126
Net { Decrease ..	—	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	—
Strength on 1st October, 1906 ..	5,879	995	909	7,783	49	528	51	7,138	17	7,783

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TABLE 6.—AGES OF THE RECRUITS who joined the Militia of the United Kingdom during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1906:—

Arm.	Ages of Recruits joined.										
	Under 17 years.	17 to 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	21 to 22 years.	22 to 23 years.	23 to 24 years.	24 to 25 years.	Over 25 years.	Total.
Royal Field Artillery	—	19	39	13	8	1	3	2	3	9	97
Royal Garrison Artillery... ...	62	402	560	321	293	175	205	181	228	502	2,929
Royal Engineers	3	73	82	50	43	27	32	25	31	160	526
Infantry	419	9,287	7,190	2,663	1,238	816	634	460	470	1,024	24,201
Royal Army Medical Corps ...	11	335	316	96	56	44	19	11	30	61	979
Total	495	10,116	8,187	3,143	1,638	1,063	893	679	762	1,756	28,732

TABLE 7.—SERVICES OF THE MEN (exclusive of Permanent Staff) who were struck off as Deserters or Absentees from the Militia of the United Kingdom during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1906:—

Arm.	Under 3 months' service.	3 and under 6 months' service.	6 and under 9 months' service.	9 and under 12 months' service.	1 and under 2 years' service.	2 and under 3 years' service.	3 and under 4 years' service.	4 and under 5 years' service.	5 years' service and upwards.	Not reported.	Total struck off.
Royal Field Artillery	—	—	3	—	5	4	6	2	2	—	22
Royal Garrison Artillery... ...	109	41	34	52	199	101	73	46	77	37	769
Royal Engineers	22	2	18	1	51	12	5	5	5	—	121
Infantry	299	318	400	357	676	371	297	277	329	56	3,410
Royal Army Medical Corps ...	5	8	13	19	25	3	3	4	—	—	80
Total	435	399	468	429	956	491	384	334	413	93	4,402

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TABLE 8.—NUMBER of COURTS-MARTIAL and NUMBER of MEN TRIED during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1906, in the MILITIA of the United Kingdom (including the Permanent Staff).

Arm.	Number of Men tried.				Number of Trials.			
	Once.	Twice.	Three times.	Total.	General Courts-Martial.	District Courts-Martial.	Regimental Courts-Martial.	Total.
Royal Field Artillery ..	3	—	—	3	—	1	2	3
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	45	—	—	45	—	28	17	45
Royal Engineers	28	—	—	28	—	11	17	28
Infantry	202	2	—	204	—	157	49	206
Royal Army Medical Corps..	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1
Total	279	2	—	281	—	198	85	283

TABLE 9.—NUMBER of MEN of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom FINED for DRUNKENNESS and the NUMBER of FINES inflicted during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1906.

Arm.	Number of Men Fined.						Number of Fines Inflicted.
	Once.	Twice.	Three times.	Four times.	Five times.	Total.	
Royal Field Artillery ..	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
Royal Garrison Artillery..	341	46	1	1	—	389	440
Royal Engineers	90	16	2	1	—	109	132
Infantry	1,017	81	9	1	—	1,108	1,210
Royal Army Medical Corps	20	5	—	—	—	25	30
Total	1,469	148	12	3	—	1,632	1,813

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TABLE 10.—OFFENCES for which the MEN (including the Permanent Staff) of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom were tried by COURT-MARTIAL, during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1906, showing number of acquittals, &c., and the PUNISHMENTS inflicted.

—	Royal Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	All Arms.
Number of Courts-Martial	3	45	28	206	1	283
OFFENCES FOR WHICH THE MEN WERE TRIED.						
Mutiny	—	—	—	—	—	—
Desertion	—	2	—	33	—	35
Fraudulent Enlistment	—	—	1	17	—	18
Offences in relation to Enlistment	—	6	6	18	—	30
Violence and Disobedience to Superiors ..	1	11	3	14	—	29
Minor Insubordination and Neglect of Orders	—	3	—	8	—	11
Quitting or Sleeping on Post	—	—	—	—	—	—
Drunk on Duty..	1	5	4	6	—	16
Drunkenness	—	12	2	19	—	33
Disgraceful Conduct	—	1	—	5	1	7
Absence without Leave..	1	9	12	65	—	87
Making away with Necessaries	—	3	1	5	—	9
Wilfully injuring Public Property or Equipment	—	—	—	1	—	1
Civil Offences	—	—	—	7	—	7
Miscellaneous	—	8	1	23	—	32
Total of Offences	3	60	30	221	1	315
Acquitted	—	2	—	2	—	4
Pardoned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sentence wholly remitted	—	—	—	1	—	1
Sentence quashed	—	1	—	6	—	7
PUNISHMENTS INFLICTED.						
Penal Servitude..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reduction to a lower grade or to the Ranks..	2	18	6	51	—	77
Reduction and Imprisonment..	—	—	12	2	—	14
Reduction and Detention	—	5	—	3	—	8
Stoppages, Fine, or Forfeiture without other Punishment	—	—	—	2	—	2
Imprisonment with or without Hard Labour	—	12	5	68	1	86
Detention	1	7	5	71	—	84
Discharged with Ignominy without other Punishment	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total of Punishments inflicted ..	3	42	28	197	1	271

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TABLE 11.—YEARS in which the Engagements will expire of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN (exclusive of the Permanent Staff) of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom serving on 1st October, 1906.

Arm.	Year from 1st October to 30th September							Total.
	1906–1907.	1907–1908.	1908–1909.	1909–1910.	1910–1911.	1911–1912.	1912–1913.	
Royal Field Artillery	54	31	33	46	29	38	—	231
Royal Garrison Artillery..	1,552	2,270	2,472	2,634	1,916	1,583	1*	12,428
Royal Engineers	230	321	349	419	450	294	—	2,063
Infantry	8,518	11,346	10,901	13,528	10,284	13,421	3*	68,001
Royal Army Medical Corps	58	131	59	142	135	472	—	997
Total	10,412	14,099	13,814	16,769	12,814	15,808	4*	83,720

* Men rejoined from absence, who have not yet served a training, and have consequently 6 trainings to attend.

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TABLE 12.—AGES of Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Militia of the United Kingdom (exclusive of the Permanent Staff), on 1st October, 1906.

Age.	Royal Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Total—All Arms.
Under 18	—	219	33	4,160	125	4,537
18 and under 19	18	415	74	7,476	185	8,168
19 „ 20	18	530	100	6,485	118	7,251
20 „ 21	9	586	124	5,985	116	6,820
21 „ 22	23	735	111	5,587	76	6,532
22 „ 23	25	727	147	5,379	88	6,366
23 „ 24	15	669	132	4,812	55	5,683
24 „ 25	18	693	106	3,604	55	4,476
25 „ 26	22	627	112	2,811	17	3,589
26 „ 27	13	630	85	2,504	19	3,251
27 „ 28	12	554	124	1,922	18	2,630
28 „ 29	2	531	104	1,617	9	2,263
29 „ 30	6	502	70	1,413	8	1,999
30 „ 31	4	483	102	1,461	14	2,064
31 „ 32	5	441	87	1,269	11	1,813
32 „ 33	8	472	77	1,265	6	1,828
33 „ 34	4	430	92	1,254	18	1,798
34 „ 35	7	420	84	1,158	13	1,682
35 „ 36	5	394	58	1,087	13	1,557
36 „ 37	5	344	58	904	8	1,319
37 „ 38	2	300	38	837	4	1,181
38 „ 39	2	271	18	796	5	1,092
39 „ 40	2	260	25	760	3	1,050
40 and upwards	6	1,195	102	3,455	13	4,771
Total	231	12,428	2,063	68,001	997	83,720

RESERVE DIVISION.

25 and under 30	—	4	—	37	—	41
30 „ 35	—	66	2	704	—	772
35 „ 40	14	158	16	2,381	6	2,575
40 „ 45	26	201	15	2,985	11	3,238
45 „ 50	9	99	18	1,031	—	1,157
Total	49	528	51	7,138	17	7,783

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TABLE 13.—AGES of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom in each year from 1898, and of the Reserve Division since its formation in 1903. (Permanent Staff included in years 1897 to 1903 and excluded from 1904.)

—	1898 (1st Jan.).	1899 (1st Jan.).	1900 (1st Jan.).	1901 (1st Jan.).	1902 (1st Jan.).	1903 (1st Jan.).	1903 (1st Oct.).	1904 (1st Oct.).	1905 (1st Oct.).	1906 (1st Oct.)	—
Under 17	793	782	831	737	663	480	7,892	8,486	5,521	4,537	under 17.
17 and under 18	7,939	8,196	7,965	7,179	7,113	9,310					17 and under 18.
18 ,, 19	13,109	13,141	11,611	11,204	12,607	13,180	9,882	9,815	9,487	8,168	18 ,, 19.
19 ,, 20	12,681	12,876	10,954	11,690	11,595	11,120	9,275	8,154	8,173	7,251	19 ,, 20.
20 ,, 21								7,091	6,748	6,820	20 ,, 21.
21 ,, 22								6,793	6,829	6,532	21 ,, 22.
22 ,, 23	26,107	24,726	21,921	18,101	29,143	32,752	31,625	6,538	6,482	6,366	22 ,, 23.
23 ,, 24								5,304	5,589	5,683	23 ,, 24.
24 ,, 25								3,903	4,393	4,476	24 ,, 25.
25 ,, 26								3,246	3,552	3,589	25 ,, 26.
26 ,, 27								2,791	2,820	3,251	26 ,, 27.
27 ,, 28	18,708	17,917	16,788	12,292	14,837	15,129	13,426	2,337	2,559	2,630	27 ,, 28.
28 ,, 29								2,267	2,168	2,263	28 ,, 29.
29 ,, 30								2,119	2,116	1,999	29 ,, 30.
30 ,, 31								1,984	2,041	2,064	30 ,, 31.
31 ,, 32								1,849	1,898	1,813	31 ,, 32.
32 ,, 33	15,001	14,904	14,027	10,871	11,189	11,333	10,077	1,759	1,809	1,828	32 ,, 33.
33 ,, 34								1,626	1,702	1,798	33 ,, 34.
34 ,, 35								1,498	1,733	1,682	34 ,, 35.
35 ,, 36								1,310	1,502	1,557	35 ,, 36.
36 ,, 37								1,213	1,208	1,319	36 ,, 37.
37 ,, 38								1,047	1,211	1,181	37 ,, 38.
38 ,, 39	14,990	14,611	13,140	10,855	13,111	12,741	11,657	1,019	1,180	1,092	38 ,, 39.
39 ,, 40								923	1,123	1,050	39 ,, 40.
40 and over								3,416	3,967	4,771	40 and over.
Not reported	—	—	4,898	13,691	6,616	—	—	—	—	—	Not reported.
Total	109,628	107,753	102,165	96,620	106,874	106,345	93,834	86,488	85,814	83,720	—

RESERVE DIVISION.

25 and under 30	—	—	—	—	—	—	311	245	97	41	25 and under 30.
30 ,, 35	—	—	—	—	—	—	770	1,001	872	772	30 ,, 35.
35 ,, 40	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,254	2,950	2,844	2,575	35 ,, 40.
40 ,, 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,536	2,401	2,962	3,238	40 ,, 45.
45 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	181	485	882	1,157	45 and over.
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,052	7,082	7,657	7,783	—

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TABLE 14.—NATIONALITIES of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN (exclusive of the Permanent Staff) of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom on the 1st October, 1906.

Arm.	Country to which corps belongs.	Born in England.			Born in Scotland.			Born in Ireland.			Born in India or the Colonies.	British Subjects born Abroad.	Total.
		In County for which Enlisted.	Elsewhere.	Total.	In County for which Enlisted.	Elsewhere.	Total.	In County for which Enlisted.	Elsewhere.	Total.			
Royal Field Artillery	England ..	199	12	211	—	3	3	—	16	16	1	—	231
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	England ..	3,656	1,994	5,650	—	51	51	—	166	166	25	3	5,895
	Scotland ..	—	71	71	1,523	469	1,992	—	204	204	8	—	2,275
	Ireland ..	—	40	40	—	23	23	3,644	545	4,189	6	—	4,258
	Total ..	3,656	2,105	5,761	1,523	543	2,066	3,644	915	4,559	39	3	12,428
Royal Engineers ..	England ..	1,148	771	1,919	—	12	12	—	123	123	7	2	2,063
Infantry ..	England ..	36,402	8,592	44,994	—	329	329	—	702	702	90	26	46,141
	Scotland ..	—	236	236	5,563	1,592	7,155	—	423	423	10	4	7,828
	Ireland ..	—	108	108	—	48	48	10,720	3,144	13,864	12	—	14,032
	Total ..	36,402	8,936	45,338	5,563	1,969	7,532	10,720	4,269	14,989	112	30	68,001
Royal Army Medical Corps	England ..	430	136	566	—	2	2	—	12	12	4	—	584
	Scotland ..	—	4	4	113	18	131	—	1	1	—	—	136
	Ireland ..	—	14	14	—	6	6	242	12	254	2	1	277
	Total ..	430	154	584	113	26	139	242	25	267	6	1	997
All Arms	England ..	41,835	11,505	53,340	—	397	397	—	1,019	1,019	127	31	54,914
	Scotland ..	—	311	311	7,199	2,079	9,278	—	628	628	18	4	10,239
	Ireland ..	—	162	162	—	77	77	14,606	3,701	18,307	20	1	18,567
	Total ..	41,835	11,978	53,813	7,199	2,553	9,752	14,606	5,348	19,954	165	36	83,720

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TABLE 15.—SERVICES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Militia (excluding the Permanent Staff) on 1st October, 1906.

Service.	Royal Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Total.
Under 1 year	45	1,835	324	14,628	490	17,322
1 year and under 2 years ..	33	1,723	405	9,484	151	11,796
2 years " 3 " ..	39	1,726	332	9,373	100	11,570
3 " " 4 " ..	28	1,372	291	7,150	46	8,887
4 " " 5 " ..	24	1,315	206	6,934	122	8,601
5 " " 6 " ..	46	868	176	5,711	52	6,853
6 " " 7 " ..	3	504	60	2,746	11	3,324
7 " " 8 " ..	5	502	46	2,320	8	2,881
8 " " 9 " ..	3	380	39	1,836	1	2,259
9 " " 10 " ..	2	376	35	1,305	2	1,720
10 " " 11 " ..	1	300	19	866	3	1,189
11 " " 12 " ..	1	226	12	705	1	945
12 " " 13 " ..	1	184	24	823	6	1,038
13 " " 14 " ..	—	194	22	773	—	989
14 " " 15 " ..	—	138	9	456	—	603
15 " " 16 " ..	—	132	8	382	2	524
16 " " 17 " ..	—	98	7	405	1	511
17 " " 18 " ..	—	93	25	343	—	461
18 " " 19 " ..	—	74	5	241	—	320
19 " " 20 " ..	—	62	7	250	—	319
20 " " 21 " ..	—	90	3	333	1	427
21 " " 22 " ..	—	53	2	231	—	286
22 " " 23 " ..	—	34	—	142	—	176
23 " " 24 " ..	—	38	1	112	—	151
24 years and over	—	111	5	452	—	568
Total	231	12,428	2,063	68,001	997	83,720

N.B.—These services include all Militia Service, whether broken or continuous, but no regular service.

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TABLE 16.—RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN (exclusive of the Permanent Staff) of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom, on 1st October, 1906.

Arm.	Country.	Church of England.	Presbyterians.	Wesleyans.	Baptists or Congregationalists.	Other Protestants not included in the foregoing.	Roman Catholics.	Jews.	Total.
Royal Field Artillery	England ..	113	1	2	1	—	111	3	231
Royal Garrison Artillery	England ..	4,271	63	193	180	74	1,113	1	5,895
	Scotland ..	122	1,153	14	1	5	979	1	2,275
	Ireland ..	396	155	11	2	2	3,692	—	4,258
	Total ..	4,789	1,371	218	183	81	5,784	2	12,428
Royal Engineers	England ..	1,168	21	109	93	2	670	—	2,063
Infantry	England ..	34,894	207	1,933	458	310	8,288	51	46,141
	Scotland ..	325	5,035	22	8	5	2,432	1	7,828
	Ireland ..	1,590	413	28	8	3	11,990	—	14,032
	Total ..	36,809	5,655	1,983	474	318	22,710	52	68,001
Royal Army Medical Corps	England ..	480	7	31	10	1	54	1	584
	Scotland ..	11	104	4	2	—	15	—	136
	Ireland ..	59	32	3	1	2	180	—	277
	Total ..	550	143	38	13	3	249	1	997
All Arms	England ..	40,926	299	2,268	742	387	10,236	56	54,914
	Scotland ..	458	6,292	40	11	10	3,426	2	10,239
	Ireland ..	2,045	600	42	11	7	15,862	—	18,567
	Total ..	43,429	7,191	2,350	764	404	29,524	58	83,720

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TABLE 17.—SERVICES of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN of the PERMANENT STAFF of the AUXILIARY FORCES on the 1st October, 1906.

Arm.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 6 years.	6 to 7 years.	7 to 8 years.	8 to 9 years.	9 to 10 years.	10 to 11 years.	11 to 12 years.	12 to 13 years.	13 to 14 years.	14 to 15 years.	15 to 16 years.	16 to 17 years.	17 to 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	21 to 22 years.	22 to 23 years.	23 to 24 years.	24 years and upwards.	Pensioners and Men on Militia engagement.†	Total.
Imperial Yeomanry ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	12	12	20	28	26	29	38	15	25	15	66	...	288
Royal Field Artillery— Militia	1	2	6	16	8	15	23	11	4	1	2	3	3	2	2	1	6	3	2	2	2	...	...	...	2	...	117
Royal Garrison Artillery—																											
Militia	14	15	27	23	10	9	3	5	8	6	14	24	30	38	58	45	40	37	53	42	36	19	16	15	18	9	614
Volunteers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	17	27	46	39	47	27	31	24	67	1	332
Total	14	15	27	23	10	9	3	5	8	6	14	24	30	38	58	51	57	64	99	81	83	46	47	39	85	10	946
Royal Engineers—																											
Militia	2	2	4	3	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	2	...	1	1	...	5	3	7	7	11	9	10	24	2	98
Volunteers	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	5	3	2	5	9	7	7	5	5	7	4	7	8	9	4	2	3	12	...	108
Total	2	2	4	3	1	3	1	6	4	3	5	10	9	7	6	6	7	9	10	15	16	15	11	13	36	2	206
Infantry—																											
Militia	57	52	46	55	42	25	24	36	37	37	47	78	129	197	247	250	254	251	265	243	288	127	106	83	122	45	3,143
Volunteers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	19	38	82	96	128	171	166	109	115	323	5	1,255
Total	57	52	46	55	42	25	24	36	37	37	47	78	129	197	250	269	292	333	361	371	459	293	215	198	445	50	4,398
Royal Army Medical Corps—																											
Militia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	3	5	3	2	1	2	2	...	3	1	3	...	30
Volunteers*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	3	4	1	8	7	4	5	1	7	...	45*
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	3	10	6	6	2	10	9	4	8	2	10	...	75
Hon. Artillery Company	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	4
Bermuda V.R.C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	4
All Arms—																											
Yeomanry	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	12	12	20	28	26	29	38	15	25	15	66	...	288
Militia	74	71	83	97	61	49	50	53	50	45	63	107	165	240	311	302	303	298	324	296	335	157	134	109	169	56	4,002
Volunteers	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	5	3	2	5	10	7	7	9	35	67	117	150	183	236	202	147	143	410	6	1,748
Total	74	71	83	97	61	52	51	58	53	47	68	118	173	247	332	349	390	443	500	508	609	374	306	267	615	62	6,038

* Includes the Permanent Staff of Volunteer Infantry Brigade Bearer Companies (Independent Companies).
† All the men are serving on Line engagements, except those given in this column.

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PART XII.—IMPERIAL YEOMANRY.

TABLE 1.—STATE of the IMPERIAL YEOMANRY at the dates of the annual inspections of the several corps during the year 1906.

	Yeomanry Officers.	Permanent Staff.		Yeomen.			All Ranks.	All Ranks.			
		Officers (Adjutants).	Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Trumpeters.	Rank and File.		English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Total.
Present at inspection ..	1,078	57	287	1,864	368	19,844	23,498	18,904	3,779	815	23,498
Absent from inspection :											
With leave	147	—	1	120	11	1,494	1,773	1,459	237	77	1,773
Without leave ..	1	—	—	1	3	279	284	190	67	27	284
Total strength	1,226	57	288	1,985	382	21,617	25,555	20,553	4,083	919	25,555
Establishment as provided for in Army Estimates ..	1,538	58	290	2,146	464	23,142	27,638	22,372	4,314	952	27,638
Wanting to complete ..	312	1	2	161	82	1,525	2,083	1,819	231	33	2,083
Supernumerary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

N.B.—This table in detail for each corps is given in the Annual Return of Imperial Yeomanry Training presented to Parliament.

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TABLE 2.—STRENGTH of the IMPERIAL YEOMANRY* at the dates of the annual inspections of the several corps in each year from 1897.

Year.	Yeomanry Officers.	Permanent Staff.		Yeomen.			All Ranks.	All Ranks.			
		Officers. (Adjutants).	Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Trumpeters.	Rank and File.		English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Total.
1897	617	19	146	912	190	8,307	10,191	9,255	936	—	10,191
1898	628	19	147	886	190	8,337	10,207	9,277	930	—	10,207
1899	635	19	148	905	184	8,223	10,114	9,234	880	—	10,114
1900	536	18	125	848	170	8,450	10,147†	9,321	826	—	10,147†
1901	680	35	158	993	174	11,161	13,201†	12,194	1,007	—	13,201†
1902	939	50	243	1,488	289	18,831	21,840†	19,949	1,891	—	21,840†
1903	1,180	57	284	1,742	324	22,785	26,372	22,126	3,790	456	26,372
1904	1,232	57	289	1,835	356	23,619	27,388	21,999	4,487	902	27,388
1905	1,240	58	288	1,913	385	21,457	25,341	20,267	4,142	932	25,341
1906	1,226	57	288	1,985	382	21,617	25,555	20,553	4,083	919	25,555

* The title of the force was changed from Yeomanry Cavalry to Imperial Yeomanry by Royal Warrant dated 15th April, 1901 (Army Order 109 of 1901).
† Exclusive of the Imperial Yeomanry in South Africa (who were serving on *Army* engagements).

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TABLE 3.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the IMPERIAL YEOMANRY (exclusive of Officers and Permanent Staff) during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1906.

—	Yeomen.			
	English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Total.
Strength on 1st October, 1905	18,928	3,804	855	23,587
INCREASE:—				
Enlisted	4,739	944	269	5,952
Re-enlisted	32	73	1	106
Joined from desertion ..	3	—	1	4
Other causes	14	—	2	16
Total Increase ..	4,788	1,017	273	6,078
DECREASE:—				
Died	49	11	8	68
Discharged—				
On termination of engagement	3,537	858	207	4,602
As invalids	64	11	8	83
Recruits rejected after attestation	5	—	—	5
Mis-statement as to age on enlistment ..	20	—	—	20
By purchase	481	124	33	638
On conviction of felony	7	—	—	7
For misconduct other than felony	21	6	—	27
For other causes ..	33	—	—	33
Total discharged ..	4,168	999	248	5,415
Struck off as deserters ..	237	53	23	313
Joined { Regular Army ..	83	23	5	111
Joined { Royal Navy and Marines ..	3	—	—	3
Other causes	14	5	—	19
Total Decrease ..	4,554	1,091	284	5,929
Net Increase	234	—	—	149
Net Decrease	—	74	11	—
Strength on 1st October, 1906	19,162	3,730	844	23,736
Re-engaged during year ..	—	—	—	4,292

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TABLE 4.—AGES of the IMPERIAL YEOMANRY (exclusive of Officers and Permanent Staff) on the 1st October, 1906.

—	Total.
17 and under 18 years ..	297
18 „ 19 „ ..	1,155
19 „ 20 „ ..	1,667
20 „ 21 „ ..	2,123
21 „ 22 „ ..	2,352
22 „ 23 „ ..	2,334
23 „ 24 „ ..	1,870
24 „ 25 „ ..	1,626
25 „ 26 „ ..	1,504
26 „ 27 „ ..	1,277
27 „ 28 „ ..	1,084
28 „ 29 „ ..	868
29 „ 30 „ ..	856
30 „ 35 „ ..	2,369
35 „ 40 „ ..	1,363
40 „ 45 „ ..	621
45 „ 50 „ ..	333
50 years and upwards ..	37
Total ..	23,736

TABLE 5.—PAST SERVICES of the IMPERIAL YEOMANRY (exclusive of Officers and Permanent Staff) on the 1st October, 1906.

—	Total.
Under 1 year	5,722
1 and under 2 years ..	4,020
2 „ 3 „ ..	4,470
3 „ 4 „ ..	3,540
4 „ 5 „ ..	2,587
5 „ 6 „ ..	1,216
6 „ 7 „ ..	513
7 „ 8 „ ..	234
8 „ 9 „ ..	231
9 „ 10 „ ..	176
10 „ 11 „ ..	151
11 „ 12 „ ..	111
12 „ 13 „ ..	91
13 „ 14 „ ..	76
14 „ 15 „ ..	73
15 „ 16 „ ..	57
16 „ 17 „ ..	71
17 „ 18 „ ..	55
18 „ 19 „ ..	45
19 „ 20 „ ..	40
20 „ 21 „ ..	46
21 „ 22 „ ..	38
22 „ 23 „ ..	27
23 „ 24 „ ..	23
24 years and upwards ..	123
Total	23,736

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PART XIII.—VOLUNTEERS.

TABLE 1.—STRENGTH of the VOLUNTEER FORCE by ARMS, 1st November, 1906.*

Arm.	Establishments (Army Estimates 1906–7).					Strength.						Special Grants earned.									Attended Camp (All Ranks, including Permanent Staff).	
				Permanent Staff.		Efficient.§		Non-efficient.				Proficient.			Supply Duties.							
	Volunteer Officers.	Volunteers.	Total all Ranks, excluding Permanent Staff.	Officers.	Sergeants.	Vol. Officers.	Volunteers.	Vol. Officers.	Volunteers.	Total all Ranks, excluding Permanent Staff.	Permanent Staff.	Officers.	Sergeants.	Grants for Artillery or Tactics (Officers).	Officers.	N.C.O.'s and Men.	Present at Inspection (all Ranks, including Permanent Staff).	Mounted Infantry (included in Strength).	Cyclists (included in Strength).	Machine Guns.	For 15 days.	For 8 days only.
Royal Garrison Artillery	2,153	47,445	49,598	66	343	1,533	36,926	96	1,852	40,407	377	1,266	2,740	664	...	...	27,806	...	...	...	3,007	20.784
Royal Engineers—Field, Fortress, Electrical, and Railway	776	18,180	18,956	22	112	553	14,789	47	857	16,246	123	408	922	76	...	...	12,737	...	...	...	29	11,586
Submarine Miners	120	1,765	1,885	...	...	81	1,100	15	176	1,372	...	...	...	5	...	...	995	...	...	...	2	1,180
Infantry‡	7,861	251,163	259,024	226	1,271	6,014	178,294	245	5,740	190,293	1,476	5,035	11,469	1,055	52	34	137,247	1,340	10,860	203	20,551	107,776
Royal Army Medical Corps (Vols.) ...	212	3,722	3,934	4	21	121	3,411	7	85	3,624	25	104	287	...	2	20	2,718	...	88	...	613	1,773
Volunteer Infantry Brigade Bearer Cos. ‖	138	2,806	2,944	...	46	67	1,747	1	72	1,887	21	65	198	...	...	...	1,505	...	...	...	...	1,419
Total	11,260	325,081	336,341†	318	1,793	8,369	236,267	411	8,782	253,829†	2,025	6,878	15,616	1,800	54	54	183,038	1,340	10,948	203	24,202	144,523
Honourable Artillery Company ...	45	854	899	1	4	35	415	...	33	483	5	31	49	9	...	...	319	...	...	1	...	294
Bermuda Volunteer Rifle Corps ...	14	300	314	1	4	11	163	...	21	195	5	10	20	...	...	...	151	...	...	...	...	152

* The 1st November is the commencement of the Volunteer Year.
† Exclusive of Army Reservists supernumerary to the establishment of Volunteer Corps.
‡ Including, except as regards Establishments, the Bearer Companies which form part of Infantry units, and Cadets who are enrolled volunteers serving under the command of the O.C. the Cadet Corps under paras. 176–178 Volunteer Regulations.
§ No distinction is made between higher grants and lower grants, as the conditions for the former were waived this year.
‖ The establishment includes all bearer companies; the strength includes only independent bearer companies, companies which are borne on the strength of units of Infantry or R.A.M.C. Volunteers being included with those units.
N.B.—These figures in detail for each Corps are given in the Volunteer Annual Return presented to Parliament.

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TABLE 2.—TOTAL of all ARMS in VOLUNTEER FORCE in GREAT BRITAIN (including the Permanent Staff), on 1st November in each year since 1897. (The Honourable Artillery Company are not included.)

Year.	Establishment. All Ranks.	All Ranks.			Proficients who have qualified for the Special Grant.			Officers who have Passed in Tactics or Artillery, and have qualified for the Special Grant.	Who have Passed in Signalling and have qualified for the Special Grant.		Who have Passed in Supply Duties and have qualified for the Special Grant.		Present at Inspection	Percentage of Efficients to Enrolled.	Percentage Present at Inspection to numbers Enrolled on 1st Nov. following.
		Efficient.	Non-Efficient.	Total.	Officers.	Sergeants.	Total.		Officers.	Non-Com. Officers.	Officers.	Non-Com. Officers.			
1897	262,558	225,206	6,592	231,798	6,306	13,629	19,935	1,605	13	22	11	28	197,645	97·16	85·27
1898	262,580	224,300	6,378	230,678	6,388	13,657	20,045	1,694	10	17	14	25	198,376	97·24	86·00
1899	263,416	223,921	5,933	229,854	6,476	13,638	20,114	1,816	9	18	14	21	196,756	97·42	85·60
1900	339,511	270,369	7,259	277,628	7,357	15,110	22,467	1,874	9	17	7	16	231,974	97·39	83·56
1901	342,003	281,062	7,414	288,476	7,574	15,593	23,167	1,971	16	99	7	17	242,103	97·43	83·93
1902	345,547	256,451	12,099	268,550	7,522	15,755	23,277	1,995	18	154	13	13	208,083	95·49	77·48
1903	346,171	242,104	11,177	253,281	7,107	15,651	22,758	1,921	20	204	15	19	195,508	95·59	77·19
1904	343,375	244,537	9,372	253,909	6,965	15,602	22,567	1,876	†	†	23	41	200,174	96·31	78·84
1905	341,283	241,549	8,062	249,611	6,888	15,525	22,413	1,800	†	†	43	60	187,221	96·77	75·01
1906*	338,452	246,654	9,200	255,854	6,878	15,616	22,494	1,800	†		54	54	183,038	96·41	71·54

† Since 1904 the Signalling grant has been awarded as a regimental allowance, and not as a capitation grant.

N.B.—Members of Cadet Corps who are enrolled Volunteers, but who are for administrative purposes under the Officer Commanding the Cadet Corps, are supernumerary to the establishments given above, but are included in the strengths.

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GENERAL ANNUAL REPORT.

No important modifications have been introduced into the General Annual Report this year.

Slight amendments have been made as follows:—

On page 29, column 7, there is shown the average strength of each arm for the year (deduced from the monthly strengths).

In Part III., the table of the average heights, chest measurements, and weights of recruits, has been omitted.

In Part VI. (pages 69–74), in the tables relating to Courts Martial, most of the statistics are given for "convictions" instead of for "trials."

In Part VIII. (page 94), the Educational Attainments of Recruits are shown under the new classification recently introduced.

In Part IX. (page 98), the table of ages of Horses and Mules has been restored, so far as the British Establishment is concerned.

By Command of the Army Council,

E W D Ward

WAR OFFICE,
March 28th, 1908.

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SECTION I.

ANNUAL REPORT OF RECRUITING FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1907.

ARMY AND MILITIA.

War Office, March 28th, 1908.

Adjutant-General to the Forces.

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on Recruiting for the year ended 30th September, 1907. The Report is divided into four parts:—

I.—General Observations on Recruiting for the past year.
II.—Army Reserve.
III.—Militia and Imperial Yeomanry.
IV.—Civil Employment of Discharged Soldiers and Reservists.

I.—General Observations on Recruiting.

Results for the year.

1. The number of recruits who joined the Regular Army, excluding re-enlisted men and those for Colonial Corps, for the twelve months under review, amounted to 34,916, and for Militia to 28,575. The total for the Regular Army shows a decrease of 1,494 as compared with the previous twelve months, while that for Militia shows a falling off of 157.

2. The decrease for the Regular Army may be attributed to the fact that cavalry recruiting was largely restricted throughout the year, that few artillery drivers were required, and that recruiting for the regiments, battalions of which had been disbanded, was entirely closed for the greater part of the year.

Measures rendered necessary by reductions in establishment.

3. Owing to the reductions in establishment, special steps had to be taken to allow men to pass prematurely to the Reserve, and to prevent extensions and re-engagements and the continuance in the Service of those non-commissioned officers and men who had completed 21 years' service for pension. As the reductions became effective these special measures were gradually withdrawn and the normal conditions of service in the several arms restored. A considerable number of old soldiers were by these means forced to take their discharge who would probably have remained serving for several years. Such compulsory discharges to pension in consequence

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of reductions have, of course, a material effect on the Pension Vote, and at the same time force a considerable number of elderly men to seek employment in the labour market.

Changes in recruiting.

4. The changes affecting recruiting which have taken place are as follows:—

The recruiting areas of the Militia and Volunteer Artillery Districts have been merged into the Infantry Regimental Districts. The Brigadier-Generals Commanding grouped Regimental Districts being thus made responsible for the whole of the recruiting work in the Districts included in their Commands.

An alteration has been made in the recruiting district which was formerly the 7/57 Regimental District. The depôt of the Middlesex Regiment has been moved to Mill Hill from Hounslow, leaving Hounslow as the depôt of the Royal Fusiliers only, instead of as hitherto a double depôt, and a re-adjustment of the recruiting arrangements in the County of Middlesex has thus been necessary. The county has, therefore, been divided into two portions, and the recruiting agencies from the depôt of the Middlesex Regiment, Mill Hill, have been allotted a portion of the county over which to recruit, while the recruiting agencies of the Royal Fusiliers at Hounslow are responsible for the recruiting arrangements in the remainder of the county.

Bounties to men of disbanded battalions.

5. In order to reduce the surplus of men in regiments, of which battalions were disbanded, bounties were offered to men in the battalions concerned to transfer to other units. The number, however, who accepted transfer was small.

Stoppage of bounties.

6. Bounties have been offered to men on various occasions to extend their service at different stations abroad. As the abolition of enlistments for three years in the Infantry of the Line and other Arms reduced the numbers of men passing to the Reserve, instructions were issued cancelling all offers of bounties which remained open.

Dental treatment of recruits.

7. The experiment referred to in my last year's report of sending recruits to local dentists for treatment proved so satisfactory that it was decided to extend the system, and funds were specially provided for the purpose. The arrangements made are working satisfactorily with the result that a considerable percentage of recruits, who would otherwise have been lost to the service, have been enabled to enlist.

Medical report on recruits.

8. An interesting report on the medical examination and physical training of recruits in the Eastern Command has been received during the year. The reports from other Commands, though not so detailed, are generally satisfactory.

Alteration of standards of height.

9. The standard of height of the Garrison Artillery which had been raised an inch in 1905, consequent on the reductions taking place in the Corps, was lowered in February, 1907, to the standard laid down in the Recruiting Regulations. The same alteration was made in the Royal Engineers in May, 1907. The standard of height for the Scots and Irish Guards was also brought down in April, 1907, to that prescribed in the Recruiting Regulations.

Proficiency pay.

10. An important change was made in the pay of the soldier by the introduction of proficiency instead of service pay. The broad conditions under which proficiency pay is issued are that soldiers to draw the pay must be in possession of a third-class school certificate and fulfil stated requirements of efficiency. Soldiers thus no longer draw a higher rate of pay from mere length of service. The system introduced required certain adjustments to be made in the pay of other Corps receiving special rates of pay. This change

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should undoubtedly lead to a higher standard of proficiency of soldiers in their duties.

11. The reductions which have been completed up to the 30th September, 1907, are as follows:— Reductions.

3 Depôts Royal Field Artillery and 2 Depôts Royal Garrison Artillery, disbanded 1st March, 1907.

25th Company Royal Garrison Artillery, disbanded 15th July, 1907.

27th Company Royal Garrison Artillery, disbanded 1st August, 1907.

53rd Company Royal Garrison Artillery, disbanded 28th February, 1907.

3rd Battalion Scots Guards, disbanded 1st October, 1906.

3rd Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, disbanded 20th May, 1907.

4th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, disbanded 26th January, 1907.

3rd Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment, disbanded 30th April, 1907.

4th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment, disbanded 9th February, 1907.

3rd Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers, disbanded 15th May, 1907.

4th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers, disbanded 28th February, 1907.

3rd Battalion Manchester Regiment, disbanded 15th May, 1907.

4th Battalion Manchester Regiment, disbanded 28th February, 1907.

Royal Engineers (Militia) Submarine Miners, disbanded 1st April, 1907.

No. 4 Company Royal Malta Artillery, disbanded 1st April, 1907.

The West India Battalion, Royal Garrison Artillery, is in process of disbandment, and one Company has been reduced.

The Hong Kong-Singapore Battalion and the Ceylon-Mauritius Battalion Royal Garrison Artillery are in process of reduction from six companies to four, and from three companies to one, respectively, with a view to the eventual absorption of the remaining company of the Ceylon-Mauritius Battalion into the Hong Kong-Singapore Battalion.

12. Representations have been made on behalf of certain religious denominations that recruits were not always given the opportunity of stating the exact religious denomination to which they belong. A circular was therefore issued giving precise instructions to Recruiting Officers that the several categories into which the religious denominations are divided on the attestation should be invariably read over to recruits, so that they may clearly understand on enlistment that they have, while serving as soldiers, the opportunity of attending Divine Service at the churches of their respective denominations. Religious denomination of recruits.

13. Revised Recruiting and Army Reserve Regulations have been issued during the past year, and also Revised Instructions as to Civil Employment. Revised Regulations.

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14. The following tables show the number of Recruits, enlisted for Long Service, and the several terms of Short Service, since the commencement of 1903, and the arms of the Service which they joined.

Terms of Service.	First 9 months of 1903.	During 12 months ended 30.9.04.	During 12 months ended 30.9.05.	During 12 months ended 30.9.06.	During 12 months ended 30.9.07.
12 years with the Colours ..	1,524	1,813	1,701	1,722	1,561
9 years with the Colours, and 3 years in the Reserve	..	..	20,316	17,710	..
8 years with the Colours, and 4 years in the Reserve	..	89	2,224	367	1,670
7 years with the Colours, and 5 years in the Reserve	..	..	110	6,769	25,376
6 years with the Colours, and 6 years in the Reserve	..	..	..	304	3,176
3 years with the Colours, and 9 years in the Reserve	27,556	38,550	10,240	7,473	2,057
2 years with the Colours, and 10 years in the Reserve	244	827	760	1,744	817
1 year with the Colours, and 11 years in the Reserve	..	..	..	321	259
Re-enlisted { For one year ..	..	..	} 139	1,266	48
Re-enlisted { A.O. 106 of 1900	75*	10*			
Royal Garrison Regiment ..	1,121	561	..	..	..
Colonial Corps (various terms)	506	792	473	689	590
Total	31,026	42,642	35,963	38,365	35,554

* Ex-soldiers, discharged on completion of 12 years' service, re-enlisted until attaining the age of 41, or until completing 21 years' total service, whichever happens first.

Arms of the Service.	First 9 months of 1903.	During 12 months ended 30.9.04.	During 12 months ended 30.9.05.	During 12 months ended 30.9.06.	During 12 months ended 30.9.07
Household Cavalry	50	114	131	172	79*
Cavalry of the Line	358	491	2,380	3,672	2,283
Royal Artillery { Horse and Field ..	2,422	2,353	3,841	4,876	3,403†
Royal Artillery { Garrison	2,922	3,845	2,422	1,765	1,704
Royal Engineers	765	1,112	651	1,130	631
Foot Guards	1,144	1,996	2,216	1,732	1,325‡
Infantry of the Line	20,163	29,750	22,243	21,886*	24,058§
Royal Garrison Regiment ..	1,121	561	..	..	..
Colonial Corps	506	792	478	695	590
Army Service Corps	727	1,155	893	1,281	891
Army Ordnance Corps ..	131	175	120	221	198
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	717	298	573	874	482
Army Post Office Corps ..	..	..	15	61	..
Total	31,026	42,642	35,963	38,365	35,554

* Includes 2 re-enlisted.
† „ 1 „
‡ „ 7 „
§ „ 38 „

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It will be seen that there is a marked increase in the number of recruits enlisted for the Infantry of the Line for the last twelve months. This is attributable to the decreased requirements of the Cavalry of the Line and the Royal Horse and Field Artillery.

15. The following table shows the total number of Recruits joined (exclusive of re-enlisted men and those for Colonial Corps), the numbers taken under any of the standards, and the percentage under standard, during the twelve months ended 30th September, 1907, as compared with the previous four years:— Recruits enlisted under standard.

—	First 9 months of 1903.	Year ended 30.9.04.	Year ended 30.9.05.	Year ended 30.9.06.	Year ended 30.9.07
Total Recruits joined ..	28,183	41,279	35,351	36,410	34,916
Number under any of the standards	1,722	531	220	460	696
Percentage under standard ..	6·1	1·2	0·60	1·26	1·99

It will be noticed that there is a slight increase in the percentage of the Recruits enlisted under standard, but it must be borne in mind that the standards for several corps have been materially raised. It does not, therefore, follow that the recruits were under the normal standard of the corps.

16. The effective strength of the several Colonial Corps between the 1st October, 1906, and the 1st October, 1907, together with the number of Recruits raised for each corps, is shown in the following table:— Colonial Corps.

Corps.	Establishments on 1st October, 1907.	Effectives (rank and file). On 1st October, 1906.	Effectives (rank and file). On 1st October, 1907.	Wanting or supernumerary on 1st October, 1907.	Increase or decrease during the 12 months ended 30.9.07.	Recruits raised during the 12 months ended 30.9.07.
West India Regiment—						
1st Battalion	476	842	721			
2nd "	571	918	794	+468	−483	6
Depôt*	—	238	—			
Royal Artillery—						
West African Company ..	150	100	88	− 62	− 21	73
West Indian Battalion — Sierra Leone Company†	—	166	161	+161	− 5	—
West Indian Battalion — West India Company†	—	141	41	+ 41	−100	5
Hong Kong-Singapore Battalion, Royal Garrison Artillery	440	591	591	+151	—	62
Ceylon - Mauritius Battalion, Royal Garrison Artillery	137	300	235	+ 98	− 65	10
Royal Malta Artillery	379	411	384	+ 5	− 27	30
Royal Engineers—						
36th Company, Sierra Leone ..	42	30	43	− 1	+ 13	21
40th " Hong Kong ..	54	59	49	− 5	− 10	—
West African Regiment	1,397	987	1,161	−236	+174	383
Total	3,646	4,792	4,268	+622	−524	590

* Absorbed in 2nd Battalion, 1.8.07.
† To be disbanded.

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Recruiting for the West India Regiment, which was stopped on the 10th September, 1906, has still remained in abeyance owing to the reductions to be effected in the corps.

17. The number of Militiamen who joined the Regular Forces during the past year is given below. It must be borne in mind that a considerable number of these are shewn in the Militia Return as recruits for the Militia.

Corps which the men joined.	First 9 months of 1903.	12 months ended 30.9.04.	12 months ended 30.9.05.	12 months ended 30.9.06.	12 months ended 30.9.07.
Regular Army	11,870	14,932	12,103	12,409	12,113
Royal Navy or Royal Marines ..	559	716	330	603	646
Total	12,429	15,648	12,433	13,012	12,759

18. The number of Recruits raised, for the Regular Army and the Militia, by the various agencies during the past twelve months, and the number obtained in each recruiting area, for the Regular Army, during the past five years, will be found in Section II., page 40.

The increase and decrease of each arm of the Service during the 12 months ended 30th September, 1907, will be found in Section II., page 32.

The increase and decrease for the last ten years will be found in Section II., page 34.

19. The number of Recruits raised by the Permanent Staff of the Militia, Volunteers, and Imperial Yeomanry respectively, for the year ended 30th September, 1907, is as follows:—

	For Regulars.	For Militia.
Number of Recruits raised by Permanent Staff of Militia, for year ended 30.9.07	11,752	15,034
By Serjeant Instructors of Volunteers, for year ended 30.9.07	3,168	2,332
By Permanent Staff of Imperial Yeomanry, for year ended 30.9.07..	62	38

Discharges as invalids.

20. The number of men who were discharged as invalids, in their first and second year of service, during the period 1903 to 1907, and the proportion of such invalids to the effective strength, will be seen from the annexed table; the results show a diminution:—

Year.	Number of men under two years' service on 1st January or 1st October in each year.			Invalids discharged during the year under two years' service.			Proportion of invalids per 1,000 effective under two years' service.	
	Under one year.	From one to two years.	Total.	Under one year.	From one to two years.	Total.	Under one year.	From one to two years.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1st Jan., 1903	44,994	31,996	76,990	671	741	1,415	14	23
1st Oct., 1903	41,288	36,337	77,625	769	818	1,587	18	22
,, 1904	36,967	34,273	71,240	787	552	1,339	21	16
,, 1905	31,750	34,609	66,369	558	410	968	17	12
,, 1906	33,040	29,027	62,067	442	421	863	13	14

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21. The following table, furnished by the Army Medical Department, shows the number of ordinary Recruits who presented themselves for medical examination since 1903, the number of those who were rejected, including those discharged within three months of enlistment, and the percentage of rejections. Numbers medically inspected and rejected.

22. Table showing Number of Recruits Medically Inspected and Rejected, including those discharged under three months' service, and the percentage of Rejections:—

	First 9 months of 1903.	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.	1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905.	1st Oct., 1905, to 30th Sept., 1906.	1st Oct., 1906, to 30th Sept., 1907.
Numbers medically inspected ..	50,640	71,699	65,752	65,128	58,764
Numbers rejected—					
For various ailments	12,541	18,816	19,182	16,941	13,336
For want of physical development	4,588	5,842	5,616	4,982	4,349
Total rejected ..	17,129	24,658	24,798	21,923	17,685
Percentage of rejections—					
For various ailments	24·77	26·24	29·17	26·01	22·69
For want of physical development	9·06	8·15	8·54	7·65	7·40
Total percentage of rejections ..	33·83	34·39*	37·71*	33·66*	30·09*

* This percentage does not include the numbers rejected on physical grounds or for failure to reach the required standard by recruiters or recruiting officers.

The percentage of rejections on medical grounds has decreased still further during the past year.

The occupations of the Recruits medically inspected during the past year are shown on pages 54–59. The number of boys examined, and the number medically rejected is also shown.

23. The following tables show:—

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A.—The Recruits enlisted for three years' Colour service during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1904, and the number of such Recruits who extended their service:—

Corps.	No. of Recruits enlisted for three years during the twelve months ended 30th September, 1904.	Casualties with under 3 years' service.			Completed three years' Colour service.				Percentage of extensions to men who completed three years' Colour service.
		Transferred to other corps.	Transferred to Army Reserve.	Other casualties.	Unextended, serving abroad or otherwise.	Serving after having lost service through desertion.	Transferred to Army Reserve.	Extended their service.	
Cavalry of the Line..	390	27	—	101	4	—	115	143	54·58
Royal Artillery { R.H. and R.F.A.	2,068	72	—	473	21	8	716	778	51·08
Royal Artillery { R.G.A.	3,672	105	29	822	46	13	1,507	1,150	42·34
Royal Engineers	1,064*	10	108	210	11	3	220	502	68·21
Grenadier Guards	621	9	—	153	—	11	263	185	40·31
Coldstream Guards..	497	8	—	129	—	3	141	216	60·00
Scots Guards	546	9	78	195	—	10	122	132	50·00
Irish Guards	233	6	28	70	—	—	97	32	24·80
Infantry of the Line	28,768	888	99	6,147	1,014	353	11,522	8,745	40·42
Army Service Corps	251	8	—	50	—	1	62	130	67·36
Army Ordnance Corps	101	1	14	14	—	—	20	52	72·22
Royal Army Medical Corps	282	27	5	55	—	1	52	142	72·81
Total..	38,493	1,170	361	8,419	1,096	403	14,837	12,207	42·77
					28,543				

* Including 29 transfers from other arms.

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B.—The percentage of extensions of men who completed their three years' Colour service during the years shown.

Corps.	1898.	1901.†	1902.	First 9 months of 1903.	12 months ended 30th Sept., 1904.	12 months ended 30th Sept., 1905.	12 months ended 30th Sept., 1906.	12 months ended 30th Sept., 1907.
Cavalry	*	*	*	*	*	35·9	46·48	54·58
Royal Artillery { R.H. and R.F.A.	*	*	*	*	*	42·4	53·11	51·08
Royal Artillery { R.G.A							45·82	42·34
Royal Engineers ..	38·2	8·4	15·7	20·1	23·7	62·1	60·33	68·21
Grenadier Guards ..	23·8	12·5	9·9	6·3	18·4	19·0	32·03	40·31
Coldstream Guards ..	19·1	18·0	8·4	4·0	8·4	16·8	59·56	60·00
Scots Guards	37·5	31·3	31·6	30·0	35·7	36·6	60·25	50·00
Irish Guards	*	*	..	30·7	26·4	19·3	29·35	24·80
Infantry of the Line ..	*	*	13·6	12·1	20·7	31·6	36·53	40·42
Army Service Corps ..	59·9	5·4	31·2	35·2	36·4	48·7	44·33	67·36
Army Ordnance Corps ..	*	*	*	*	*	56·3	51·62	72·22
Royal Army Medical Corps.	53·7	4·2	4·2	16·0	67·3	62·9	58·79	72·81
General percentage ..	33·7	15·2	16·6	17·8	26·7	36·4	41·02	42·77

* No man completed 3 years. † No man permitted to transfer to Army Reserve on completion of three years' service during 1899-1900.

24. The number of men who deserted, and of those who rejoined from desertion, during the past five years is given below:— Desertion.

Year.	Total desertions.	Number re-joined from desertion.	Net waste by desertion.	Recruits joined.*	Percentage of net waste to Recruits joined.
First 9 months of 1903	4,653	2,241	2,412	29,324	8·2
12 months ended 30th Sept., 1904.	3,959	2,673	1,286	42,071	3·0
12 months ended 30th Sept., 1905.	3,082	2,189	893	35,824	2·5
12 months ended 30th Sept., 1906.	2,979	1,725	1,254	37,099	3·4
12 months ended 30th Sept., 1907.	3,091	1,647	1,444	35,506	4·1

* Excluding men specially raised during the war and ex-soldiers re-enlisted under A.O. 106 of 1900, and A.O. 35 of 1903, but including Colonial Corps.

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II.—Army Reserve.

25. The strength of the Army Reserve has increased very largely during the past 12 months. This result is attributable to the large number of men enlisted for three years who have passed to the Reserve, and also in a lesser degree to the increased number of men who have been allowed to pass prematurely to the Reserve.

Enlistment into Section "D" of the Army Reserve, which was suspended on the 1st July, 1906, was re-opened on the 1st July, 1907. On the other hand, the men belonging to the Special Submarine Mining Section, Army Reserve, Royal Engineers, were discharged from the Army Reserve with effect from the 31st July, 1907, in consequence of the change of policy by which the Admiralty have taken over this system of defence.

26. Arrangements have been made by which Reservists residing abroad may enlist or re-engage under certain conditions in any part of His Majesty's Dominions outside the United Kingdom or in any British Protectorate. In any Colony possessing responsible Government enlistments are not permissible, but only re-engagements under the Regulations for the Army Reserve.

27. The strength of the Army Reserve and the numbers belonging to the various arms of the Service and to each section of the Reserve are shown in the Tables A and B:—

A	Arms of the Service.													Total strength.
Date.	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry.	Royal Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Veterinary Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	Colonial Corps.	
1st Jan., 1903	...	2,028	4,881	1,559	3,904	18,656	1,278	328	55	...	43	8	125	32,865
1st Oct., 1903	...	5,599	7,841	2,657	5,790	40,403	2,488	1,095	130	...	198	17	253	66,471
,, 1904	17	5,773	8,895	2,996	6,281	45,885	3,093	1,280	127	...	237	17	339	74,940
,, 1905	40	7,298	11,881	3,591	6,874	59,269	3,471	1,441	215	...	242	20	428	94,770
,, 1906	51	7,464	15,192	4,052	7,488	69,924	3,998	1,589	272	...	130	*	436	110,596
,, 1907	89	7,858	17,902	4,413	7,943	80,089	4,213	1,940	314	5	130	...	444	125,370

* Omitted.

B			Sections of the Army Reserve.				
Date.	Numbers provided for in Army Estimates as probable maximum.	Volunteers.	Section A.	Section B.	Section C*.	Section D.	Total strength.
1st Jan., 1903 ..	70,000	..	328	28,759	697	3,081	32,865
1st Oct., 1903 ..	70,000	..	2,921	55,165	1,741	6,644	66,471
,, 1904 ..	80,000	..	2,564	62,190	.. *	10,186	74,940
,, 1905 ..	104,000	..	4,133	75,257	..	15,380	94,770
,, 1906 ..	122,000	..	3,677	87,943	..	18,976	110,596
,, 1907 ..	129,000	..	4,197	104,718	..	16,455	125,370

* Section C has been merged into Section B.

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28. The number of men transferred from the Colours to the Reserve, on completion of their Colour service, and the number of those permitted to pass prematurely to the Reserve is as given below:—

Year.	On completion of Colour service (Sections A and B).	Before completing Colour service (Sections B and C).	Relegated to the Reserve, having re-enlisted irregularly.	Total.
First 9 months of 1903 ..	26,340	1,412	54	27,806
12 months ended 30th Sept., 1904	15,205	1,956	66	17,227
Ditto 30th Sept., 1905 ..	17,266	9,026	42	26,335
Ditto 30th Sept., 1906 ..	23,777	1,438	55	25,270
Ditto 30th Sept., 1907 ..	27,459	2,594	55	30,108

Full details as to the increase and decrease of the Reserve for the last ten years are given in Section II., page 100.

III.—Militia and Imperial Yeomanry.

29. The strength of the Militia has decreased during the past year from 83,720 to 82,331, while the number of recruits shows a small decrease of 157. It cannot be considered surprising that the force should have decreased during the year when the uncertainty as to its future is taken into account.

Extended Training of 20 Militia Battalions.

30. The experiment of a system of extended training which was made in the case of the 20 battalions mentioned in my last report produced satisfactory results, though the wastage among the recruits enlisted in certain battalions was decidedly heavy.

An analysis was made with a view of ascertaining if recruiting for the Regular Army suffered by the extended period of recruits training in these battalions, and also from the fact that recruits were prohibited from entering the Regular Army until they had completed one annual training. The analysis showed that while a reduced number of recruits joined the Regular Army from these 20 battalions, the deficiency was almost entirely counteracted by the increased numbers obtained from other Militia battalions, which may be regarded as locally alternative battalions to the 20 selected. The reports on the Recruits Drill and Training of these 20 battalions were favourable, the recruits being stated to have reached a marked degree of efficiency, and to have improved both physically and mentally during their six months' drill.

Submarine Miners.

31. The whole of the Royal Engineers Submarine Mining Units have been disbanded during the past year.

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Reserve Division of the Militia.

32. Re-engagements for the Reserve Division of the Militia have been stopped, except in the case of men of the Royal Garrison Regiment, who had a vested right to continue serving.

33. Tables are given herewith showing (*a*) the strength of the Militia on the 1st October as compared with the ordinary establishment during the last four years, and (*b*) the actual strength of each arm of the Militia on the 1st October, 1907, as compared with the establishment:—

(*a*)

Date.	Non-commissioned officers and men (exclusive of the Permanent Staff).				
	Effective strength.	Establishment.	Wanting to complete.	Increase or decrease in the effective strength during the preceding 12 months.	
				Increase.	Decrease.
1st October, 1904 ..	86,491	123,510	37,019	..	3,252
,, 1905 ..	85,814	123,086	37,272	..	677
,, 1906 ..	83,720	123,478	39,758	..	2,634
,, 1907 ..	82,331	122,787	40,456	..	1,389

(*b*)

Arm of the Militia.	Non-commissioned officers and men (exclusive of the Permanent Staff).			
	Effective strength.	Establishment.	Wanting to complete.	Supernumerary.
Royal Field Artillery ..	165	297	132	..
Royal Garrison Artillery	11,686	17,376	5,690	..
Royal Engineers	1,662	1,640	..	22
Infantry	67,741	101,908	34,167	..
Royal Army Medical Corps	1,077	1,566	489	..
Total ..	82,331	122,787	40,478	22
			40,456	

34. The following table shows the number of Recruits joined during the past four years, classified according to distribution and arms of the Service:—

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		12 months ended 30th Sept., 1904.	12 months ended 30th Sept., 1905.	12 months ended 30th Sept., 1906.	12 months ended 30th Sept., 1907.
English Militia		27,002	22,015	21,422	20,851
Scotch „		3,605	3,041	3,027	3,677
Irish „		4,657	4,885	4,283	4,047
Total		35,264	29,941	28,732	28,575
Arms: Royal Artillery Militia	Field ..	199	110	97	33
	Garrison	4,617	3,713	2,929	2,061
Royal Engineer Militia.		716	921	526	548
Infantry Militia ..		29,165	24,562	24,201	25,107
Royal Army Medical Corps.		567	635	979	826
Total		35,264	29,941	28,732	28,575

Recruiting for some Royal Garrison Artillery Militia still remained closed.

35. The aggregate strength of the Militia by arms and distribution is as follows:—

Serving on the	English.	Scotch.	Irish.	Total.	Arms. Royal Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Total.
1st Oct., 1904	59,287	10,048	17,156	86,491	13,352	2,020	70,421	698	86,491
„ 1905	57,601	10,238	17,975	85,814	13,254	2,154	69,629	777	85,814
„ 1906	54,914	10,239	18,567	83,720	12,659	2,063	68,001	997	83,720
„ 1907	53,153	10,624	18,554	82,331	11,851	1,662	67,741	1,077	82,331

Detailed information as to the increase and decrease of the Militia is contained in Section II, page 108.

36. The number of re-enlisted or re-engaged Militiamen, on the date shown, is as stated in the following table:—

Serving on the	Re-engaged militiamen.	Re-enlisted militiamen.	Discharged soldiers.	Total.	Percentage on the strength.
1st October, 1904 ..	9,857	8,282	4,554	22,693	26·2
„ 1905 ..	9,531	9,333	5,005	23,869	27·9
„ 1906 ..	10,638	9,337	5,436	25,411	30·34
„ 1907 ..	11,218	8,889	6,305	26,412	32·08

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37. The loss caused by desertion, during the last four years, and the percentage of such loss to the effective strength, is shown in the following table:—

Year.	Average strength during period.	Struck off as deserters and absentees.	Rejoined from desertion.	Net loss by desertion.	Percentage to average strength. Net loss by desertion.
12 months ended 30th Sept., 1904	91,041	6,704	1,160	5,544	6·1
Ditto 30th Sept., 1905	88,950	4,999	1,053	3,946	4·4
Ditto 30th Sept., 1906	86,830	4,354	707	3,647	4·2
Ditto 30th Sept., 1907	86,063	4,995	739	4,256	4·9

The Reserve Division of the Militia consists of 3,413 men, of whom 2,536 are English, 452 Scotch, and 425 Irish.

Imperial Yeomanry.

38. Recruiting for the Imperial Yeomanry may be considered as satisfactory during the past year, and the Force as a whole has slightly increased in strength.

The Imperial Yeomanry on the 1st October, 1907, was 1,833 under establishment, thus showing a slight gain during the current year. The number of Recruits joined amounted to 5,302 as compared with 5,952 for the preceding 12 months.

39. The following table shows the enrolled strength and establishment of the Imperial Yeomanry, the number, supernumerary or required to complete, on the 1st October, 1907, and the number who joined during the past twelve months:—

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Regiments.	Headquarters.	Establishment.	Strength.	Wanting to complete.	Supernumerary.	Recruits joined during past 12 months.
Ayrshire	Ayr	444	374	70	..	59
Bedfordshire	Bedford ..	444	392	52	..	107
Berks	Reading ..	444	464	..	20	98
Buckinghamshire	Buckingham ..	444	441	..	..	90
Cheshire	Chester	444	403	41	..	79
Denbighshire	Denbigh ..	444	406	38	..	107
Derbyshire	Derby	444	431	13	..	98
Devon, Royal 1st	Exeter	444	424	20	..	79
„ Royal North	Barnstaple ..	444	429	15	..	83
Dorset	Sherborne ..	444	326	118	..	47
Essex	Colchester ..	444	418	26	..	73
Fifeshire and Forfarshire ..	Cupar	444	405	39	..	124
Glamorganshire	Bridgend ..	444	402	42	..	39
Gloucestershire	Gloucester ..	444	412	32	..	88
Hampshire	Winchester ..	444	378	66	..	69
Herts	St. Albans ..	444	337	107	..	68
Ireland, North of	Belfast	444	417	27	..	184
„ South of	Limerick ..	444	434	10	..	92
Kent, Royal East	Canterbury ..	444	409	35	..	66
„ West	Maidstone ..	444	316	128	..	74
King's Colonials	London	444	444	..	..	127
Lanarkshire	Lanark	444	381	63	..	63
„ (Royal Glasgow)	Glasgow ..	444	437	7	..	136
Lancaster's Own, Duke of ..	Manchester ..	444	416	28	..	120
Lancashire Hussars	Liverpool ..	444	429	15	..	98
Leicestershire	Leicester ..	444	438	6	..	78
Lincolnshire	Lincoln	444	393	51	..	100
London, City of	London	444	442	2	..	127
„ County of, 2nd ..	„	444	384	60	..	52
„ „ 3rd ..	„	444	406	38	..	96
Lothians and Berwickshire ..	Dunbar	444	401	43	..	72
Lovat's Scouts	Beauly, N.B. ..	888	875	13	..	136
Middlesex	London	444	402	42	..	102
Montgomeryshire	Welshpool ..	444	448	..	4	88
Norfolk	Norwich ..	444	389	55	..	86
Northamptonshire	Northampton ..	444	370	74	..	85
Northumberland	Newcastle-on-Tyne	444	434	10	..	78
Nottinghamshire (Sherwood Rangers)	Retford	444	392	52	..	103
Nottinghamshire (South Nottinghamshire Hussars)	Nottingham ..	444	426	18	..	102
Oxfordshire	Oxford	444	394	50	..	91
Pembroke	Tenby	444	435	9	..	74
Scottish Horse	Dunkeld ..	888	859	29	..	280
Shropshire	Shrewsbury ..	444	442	2	..	97
Somerset, North	Bath	444	387	57	..	67
„ West	Taunton ..	444	437	7	..	88
Staffordshire	Lichfield ..	444	406	38	..	107
Suffolk	Bury St. Edmunds	444	376	68	..	74
Surrey	London	444	434	10	..	97
Sussex	Brighton ..	444	397	47	..	76
Warwickshire	Warwick ..	444	453	..	9	92
Westmoreland and Cumberland	Penrith	444	424	20	..	116

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Regiments.	Headquarters.	Establishment.	Strength.	Wanting to complete.	Supernumerary.	Recruits joined during past 12 months.
Wiltshire, Royal	Chippenham ..	444	407	37	..	96
Worcestershire	Worcester ..	444	412	32	..	72
Yorkshire Hussars	York	444	442	2	..	125
,, Dragoons	Doncaster ..	444	442	2	..	81
,, East Riding of ..	Beverley ..	444	444	..	..	96
	Total.. ..	25,752	23,919	1,866	33	5,302
				1,833		

Increase and decrease.

40. The subjoined table shows the increase and decrease in the Imperial Yeomanry during the year ended 30th September, 1907:—

	Totals.
Strength on 1st October, 1906	23,736
Increase—	
Recruits joined	5,302
Re-enlisted	118
Joined from desertion	11
Other causes	2
Total increase	5,433
Decrease—	
Died	60
Discharged: On termination of engagement	4,095
Discharged: As invalids	69
Discharged: Recruits rejected after attestation	..
Discharged: Mis-statement as to age	1
Discharged: By purchase	632
Discharged: On conviction of felony..	3
Discharged: For misconduct other than felony .. .	9
Discharged: Other causes	35
Deserters struck off	258
Joined: Regular Army	61
Joined: Royal Navy or Royal Marines	10
Other causes	7
Total decrease	5,250
Net increase	183
Strength on 1st October, 1907..	23,919

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IV.—Civil Employment.

41. The revised pamphlet on Civil Employment referred to in last year's report, which was held back owing to the appointment of the Committee of which Sir Edward Ward was chairman, was issued during the period now under review. A copy of this pamphlet is given to every ex-soldier whose character on discharge or transfer to the Reserve is not less than "Good." Civil Employment.

The question of the provision of civil employment for soldiers is in rather an unsettled state, owing to recent legislation which imposes the duty in future of providing civil employment upon the County Associations. No steps have been taken up to the present to hand over this work to County Associations as it is desirable that the latter should get into thorough working order before embarking upon so important a portion of their duties. Civil employment is therefore being carried out as in the past by the agencies which have already been in existence for some time. Remarks on Civil Employment.

The Army Council have had under consideration the advisibility of more fully advising large employers of labour of the numbers and qualifications of soldiers about to be discharged, and it is hoped that, when the system has been got into thorough working order, employers may be induced to apply more readily to the several employment agencies to obtain the labour required.

42. The steps which have been taken to give serving soldiers technical instruction in certain trades should lead to beneficial results. If serving soldiers would avail themselves of the facilities given them to fit themselves for employment they would find it far easier to get work on their return to civil life.

43. As regards the general question of the provision of employment of ex-soldiers it has been brought to notice on more than one occasion that the Unemployed Workmen's Act of 1905 acts detrimentally in the case of soldiers sent home from abroad after a lengthened period of service for discharge or transfer to the Reserve. Such soldiers cannot possibly have the residential qualification to enable them to obtain any benefits under the Act, and thus men who have been serving their country abroad, and perhaps in an unhealthy climate are at a disadvantage.

44. The Treasury have conceded to soldiers while still serving the permission to compete in Civil Service examinations. Copies of the Rules and Regulations relating to such examination have been promulgated and supplied to Army Schools and facilities will be afforded to soldiers to study the subjects required for these examinations in Army Schools. Civil Service Examinations.

45. Arrangements have been made that in future pensioners or Army Reservists who accept Post Office work will receive their pensions or Army Reserve pay weekly in arrear together with their Post Office wages. Payment of Pensioners and Army Reserve Pay.

Voluntary Employment Societies.

46. The work done during the past year by the several voluntary employment societies is as follows :—

The National Association has found employment at its Head Office in London for 1,728 ex-soldiers as compared with 1,661 during the previous year. It has in addition found temporary employment for 567 men. Two new branches have been opened during the past year, namely, at Southampton and Blackburn. National Association for the Employment of Reserve and Discharged Soldiers.

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Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society.

The Incorporated Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society has found through the Headquarter Office employment during the past year for 852 men.

Army and Navy Pensioners' Society.

The Army and Navy Pensioners' Employment Society has found situations of a permanent nature for 752 ex-soldiers, while, through its agencies, 2,428 men have obtained temporary employment.

Guards Employment Society.

The Guards' Employment Society has found situations for 176 men.

Clerks, War Office.

47. During the past twelve months four vacancies as clerks in the War Office have been given to ex-soldiers. The number employed on the 30th September, 1907, was 208, of which number, 12 are employed at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

Army Accounts Department.

48. Nine ex-soldiers have been appointed, during the past year, in the Subordinate Section of the Army Accounts Department, as writers. There are 89 ex-soldiers at present employed in this department.

London County Council.

49. The number of situations under the London County Council, filled by ex-soldiers during the twelve months ended 30th September, 1907, shows a satisfactory increase, namely, 378, as compared with 168 during the preceding period. In addition to this number, temporary employment was given to 33 ex-soldiers.

Customs watchers.

50. During the past twelve months 55 places were filled by ex-soldiers, as Customs Watchers, out of 171 vacancies which occurred. Preference is given to Pensioners over Army Reservists in filling this class of appointment.

Park-keepers.

51. Fourteen vacancies for Park Keepers occurred in London during the year, all of which were filled by ex-soldiers. In addition to Park Keepers, employment under the Office of Works was given to 51 ex-soldiers.

Prison warders, &c.

52. The following table shows (i) the number of vacancies which occurred in the Prisons Service in the periods shown; and (ii) the number of such vacancies filled by ex-soldiers:—

Prisons Service of—	Number of vacancies, during 12 months ended 30th September—			Number of ex-soldiers appointed, during 12 months ended 30th September—		
	1905.	1906.	1907.	1905.	1906.	1907.
England and Wales ..	162	153	131	90	61	50
Scotland	20	28	23	6	9	9
Ireland	29	32	23	5	7	6
Total	211	213	177	101	77	65

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53. Vacancies for 9 Messengers were filled by Pensioners from the War Office list during the past year:— Pensioner messengers.

Name of Government Department.	Number of vacancies as Messengers filled through War Office Register.
War Office	2*
Board of Education	1
Board of Trade	2
Colonial Office	1
Local Government Board (Scotland)	1
Privy Council	2
Total	9

* In addition, employment was given at the War Office to 4 ex-soldiers as labourers, cleaners, etc.

It is not known, in this Office, what vacancies actually occurred in other departments, for Messengers or other situations, which could have been filled by Pensioner candidates, but the War Office list is a long one, and many more vacancies could have been filled had the opportunity been afforded. In the absence of information, it is of course possible that other departments, in which vacancies occurred, may have filled them by ex-soldiers.

The number of ex-soldiers, to whom employment in departments under the War Office was given during the period shown, and the total number of ex-soldiers in such employment is stated in the subjoined table:— War Office Departments.

Name of Department.	Number of ex-soldiers to whom employment was given during 12 months ended 30th September—			Total number of ex-soldiers employed on 30th September—		
	1905.	1906.	1907.	1905.	1906.	1907.
Royal Army Clothing Department and Factory	4	5	5	387	367	399
Works and Fortifications Department	8	24	31	421	445	391
Ordnance Factories ..	251	99	91	1,903	1,654	1,459
Army Service Corps Services	425	406	473	1,108	1,034	1,521
Army Ordnance Department	362	326	237	2,458	2,439	2,171
Total	1,050	860	837	6,277	5,939	5,941

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Police Employment.

Police employment.

54. The following table gives the number of vacancies which occurred in the Police Forces of the United Kingdom during the periods shown, and the number of such vacancies which were allotted to ex-soldiers during those periods:—

Police Force.	Number of vacancies filled during 12 months ended 30th September—			Number of such vacancies given to ex-soldiers during 12 months ended 30th September—		
	1905.	1906.	1907.	1905.	1906.	1907.
London City Police	44	30	41	16	10	16
London Metropolitan Police	1,264	1,376	1,215	184	162	174
Borough and County Police, England and Wales	2,183	1,855	2,264	499	412	571
Scottish Police	480	554	517	51	35	42
Dublin Metropolitan Police	63	55	68	2	*Nil.*	*Nil.*
Royal Irish Constabulary	50	631	909	5	16	27
Total	4,084	4,501	5,014	757	635	830

It will be noticed that the number of vacancies in the Police Forces of the United Kingdom has considerably increased during the past twelve months, and the number of such vacancies given to ex-soldiers also shews a slight increase over that of the previous year.

Railway Employment.

Railway employment.

55. It will be seen from the abstract of returns received from the various Railway Companies that the number of ex-soldiers employed by them is not only maintained but has considerably increased as regards the railways in England and Wales, and it may be assumed, from the figures reported, that ex-soldiers give satisfaction in this class of employment. The schedule overleaf shows the number of ex-soldiers in the employment of the Railway Companies during the past three years.

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Railway Company.	Number of vacancies given to ex-soldiers during the 12 months ended 30th September—			Total number of ex-soldiers in the Company's service on 30th September—		
	1905.	1906.	1907.	1905.	1906.	1907.
England and Wales.						
Midland	1,050	1,472	1,937	2,536	2,605	2,998
London and North Western	1,551	1,832	2,656	2,806	3,130	3,346
Lancashire and Yorkshire	550	711	965	921	939	1,059
South Eastern and Chatham	91	163	138	748	957	987
Great Western	716	803	871	2,403	2,703	2,795
Great Northern..	285	331	343	881	952	990
London and South Western	338	239	269	1,005	1,118	1,133
Great Eastern	156	242	269	1,059	1,149	1,175
London, Brighton, and South Coast ..	115	196	264	668	677	773
Great Central	331	604	681	523	913	784
North Eastern	233	326	434	797	872	923
Cheshire Lines Committee	106	125	154	122	133	147
London and India Docks	292	295	256	388	401	378
London, Tilbury, and Southend ..	50	51	24	94	80	99
North London	18	21	21	170	178	174
Metropolitan	10	5	35	124	108	128
Manchester, South Junction, and Altrincham	..	..	2	10	8	10
North Staffordshire	18	17	31	74	75	98
Barry	4	26	22	54	56	72
Furness	10	32	35	27	38	41
Rhondda and Swansea Bay	13	5	9	12	10	9
Maryport and Carlisle	..	..	1	2	1	2
Corris	..	..	1	..	..	..
Citadel Station Committee, Carlisle ..	5	1	4	4	4	5
Wirral	3	3	1	6	9	8
Metropolitan District	113	108	74	158	139	192
Total for England and Wales ..	6,058	7,608	9,497	15,592	17,255	18,326
Scotland.						
Caledonian	365	437	493	417	417	452
North British	402	446	557	571	567	620
Glasgow and South Western	125	137	173	160	159	186
Dundee and Arbroath	7	4	18	22	15	22
Highland	29	30	31	72	71	76
Aberdeen Joint Passenger	2	4	3	2	2	3
Joint Committee General Station, Perth	1	1	1	7	8	8
Portpatrick and Wigtownshire ..	7	1	5	3	2	3
Total for Scotland	938	1,060	1,281	1,254	1,241	1,370

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Railway Company.	Number of vacancies given to ex-soldiers during the 12 months ended 30th September—			Total number of ex-soldiers in the Company's service on 30th September—		
	1905.	1906.	1907.	1905.	1906.	1907.
IRELAND.						
Great Northern	132	113	53	145	140	188
Great Southern and Western	214	359	366	233	382	364
Cork, Blackrock, and Passage	3	3	2	2	3	1
Midland Great Western	33	31	36	100	174	182
Listowel and Ballybunion	2	2	3	2	2	2
Cavan and Leitrim	7	7	7	7	7	7
Total for Ireland	391	515	467	509	708	744
Grand Total	7,387	9,183	11,245	17,355	19,204	20,440

Official Employment Registers.

Official employment registers.

56. The subjoined table shows the result, since 1903, of the working of the Employment Registers, in regimental and other recruiting districts:—

Year.	Number registered for employment during the year.	Number for whom employment was found by means of the official registers during the year.				
		In the Post Office.	In other Government appointments.	In civilian firms, companies, &c.	Total for whom employment was found and accepted.	
1st Oct. 1903	12,576	1,416	193	8,184	9,793	
1st Oct. 1904	12,988	1,461	187	7,269	8,917	
1st Oct. 1905	18,909*	1,872	157	8,270	10,299	
1st Oct. 1906	20,236†	1,450	108	9,256	10,814	
1st Oct. 1907	22,650‡	1,618	210	8,694	10,522	

* Includes 4,037 names remaining on register from previous year.
† Includes 5,006 names remaining on register from previous year.
‡ Includes 5,880 names remaining on register from previous year.
In former years these numbers have not been brought forward.

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General Remarks as to Civil Employment.

57. The following table records the number, who left the Colours with characters, entitling them to registration for civil employment. The actual number for whom employment was found by means of Official Registers, Employment Societies, and Departments under the War Office, is shown below. It will be seen that, while 31,044 men have returned to civil life from the Army with characters either Good, Very Good or Exemplary, no less than 24,179 ex-soldiers have either been provided with employment or have found situations. General results.

Number discharged or transferred to the Reserve with	"Exemplary" characters	3,549
	"Very good" characters	15,684
	"Good" characters	11,811
	Total	31,044

Number of men for whom employment has been found	War Office Register (Messengers, &c.)		59
	Regimental and Recruiting Registers (affiliated to National Association)..		5,799
	National Association (London office only)		1,728
	*National Association (Branches) ..		1,215
	Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society (London office only)		852
	Army and Navy Pensioners' Employment Society		752
	Guards' Employment Society.. ..		176
	Departments under the War Office: Army Clothing Department	5	861
	Works and Fortifications Department	31	
	Ordnance Factories ..	91	
	Army Service Corps Services	473	
	Army Ordnance Department	237	
	Clerks in War Office ..	4	
	Writers under Army Accounts Department	9	
	Teachers, &c., in Army Schools	11	
To these may be added	Men who are known to have themselves obtained employment ..		12,737
	General Total		24,179

* Temporary employment has been found for 915 in addition to the above figures.

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Concluding Remarks.

Numbers taken for Regular Army during past three years.

58. The total number of recruits taken in 1906-7 for the Regular Army, excluding Colonials and re-enlisted men, is 34,916 men. It may be interesting to give the figures for the past three years. They are as follows:—

	Regulars.		Militia.	
	Infantry.	All Arms.	Infantry.	All Arms.
1904-5	22,170	35,351	24,562	29,941
1905-6	20,774	36,410	24,201	28,732
1906-7	24,063	34,916	25,107	28,575

Causes to which variation in numbers taken is due.

These numbers are fairly constant, and the variations in them are chiefly due to administrative reasons, such as reductions in establishments, and the closing of Arms of the Service, in connection with such reductions or changes in establishment.

Class of Recruits.

59. The class of recruits is, undoubtedly, improving. The concensus of reports from the Districts is to this effect. The pay, the additional comforts, and the prospects of the soldier, are having a marked effect. There are many indications to prove this, but perhaps the most satisfactory is the decrease of wastage.

Recruiting and Wastage.

Recruiting, as has been remarked in previous reports, should always be considered in connection with wastage. Expense is incurred and efficiency is diminished if men are taken who cannot fulfil their engagement.

60. Wastage, as affected by the class of recruit taken, may be comprised under the following heads:—Invaliding, Men discharged within three months of their enlistment as not likely to make efficient soldiers, and Men discharged for Misconduct. The numbers are as follows:—

Cause.	1903-4	1904-5	1905-6	1906-7
Invalids	4,973	4,226	3,234	2,928
Not likely to become efficient	1,373	1,822	1,248	928
Misconduct	3,656	3,090	2,121	2,119
Total	10,002	9,138	6,603	5,975

From this it will be seen that there is a successive diminution in each year, and that in three years the reduction amounts to upwards of 4,000 men.

Depôts.

61. Attention was directed in last year's report to the training of recruits at Depôts, and to the necessity of a careful selection of the depôt staff for that purpose. The importance of this is now increased.

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Depôts will, in future, be responsible for the training, not only of the Regular recruit, but for the instruction of the Special Reservist. It will be borne in mind that the principle observed in regard to that force is a longer initial period of training on enlistment, viz., 6 months, and a shorter period of annual training. The depôts will be charged with the instruction over this longer period, upon which much of the value of the Special Reservist will depend. It is essential, therefore, that the depôt staff shall be selected with a view to produce the best results from the training period so allotted.

This training is not confined to Military Exercises. The recruit's education, whilst at the depôt, should proceed side by side with his military instruction and his physical development. Steps, as shown later, have been taken to increase the value of the physical training, and the instruction given by the officer and by the Army schoolmaster will improve the recruit, not only as a soldier, but as a citizen. The period during which a soldier actually serves with the Colours is short, and his instruction should be such that when he returns to civil life he may do so improved by his Army training, and in a position to obtain employment in a situation for which his Army training may have specially fitted him.

In this connection it may be mentioned that schoolmasters frequently introduce into their lessons examples which bring home to soldiers the fact that small sums saved daily, throughout their service, amount to a considerable total in a given number of years, and questions of this character are included in examinations for certificates. Teachers in Army Schools explain to the men the advantages of the Post Office Savings Bank, the general principles of Life Annuities, and other Insurances, Sick Funds, &c.

Physical Training.

62. Attention was drawn in last year's Report to the subject of Physical Training which has been under constant consideration. Lieutenant H. P. Langkilde, of the Danish Army, was employed to assist in the revision of our system of Physical Training, and much value was derived from that officer's services. A Committee, consisting of—

Surgeon-General Sir A. Keogh, K.C.B., M.D., K.H.P., Director-General, Army Medical Service,
Sir Frederick Treves, Bt., G.C.V.O., C.B., F.R.C.S.,
Professor J. S. Haldane,
Dr. M. S. Pembrey,
Surgeon-General Sir T. J. Gallwey, K.C.M.G., C.B., M.D.,
Col. S. P. Rolt, Inspector of Gymnasia,
Col. G. G. A. Egerton, C.B., Commandant, School of Musketry,
Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. Macpherson, C.M.G., M.B.,
Lieutenant-Colonel A. M. Davies, Professor of Hygiene, Royal Army Medical College,
Captain L. E. L. Parker, Secretary,
Lieutenant-Colonel C. H. Melville, M.B.,

was also assembled to advise and report upon the physiological effects of food, training, and clothing of the soldier.

The advantage gained by the consideration of these questions by this Committee is very great, and physical exercises will in future be based not only on military requirements but on medical expert advice. Defects which undoubtedly existed in the old course will be corrected. For example, instructions have been issued that the pulse rate of recruits should be recorded on enlistment into the Army. By this means it is easy to prevent recruits being unduly distressed by

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physical or other exercises as observations can be better maintained. The preliminary reports from depôts and commands speak in the highest terms of the new arrangements.

These reports show that the new exercises tend to develop the intelligence of the men, and are more interesting in their nature, that they are capable of being performed without undue distress to them, and they will undoubtedly diminish admission to hospital for disordered action of the heart.

Probable effects of recent legislation on Recruiting.

63. Recruiting for the past year may be considered to have been comparatively uneventful. The changes which must necessarily take place in the future in consequence of the legislation enacted by the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act, 1907, may affect recruiting materially. It may be found, for instance, that by the abolition of the Garrison Artillery Militia, Garrison Artillery recruits may be harder to obtain. It is possible that in some areas the formation of the Territorial Association may materially assist in popularising the Army and aid recruiting. On the other hand large reductions have been made in the Permanent Staff of the present Auxiliary Forces which will in themselves reduce the numbers of recruiters throughout the United Kingdom. Experience only can show what changes and modifications will have to be made in future to meet the new conditions of affairs.

H. G. MILES,
Major-General,
Director of Recruiting and Organization.

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SECTION II.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

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PART I.—ESTABLISHMENT AND STRENGTH OF THE REGULAR FORCES, ARMY RESERVE, AND AUXILIARY FORCES ON 1st OCTOBER, 1907.

	All Ranks.			
	Establishment (Army Estimates).	Strength.	Wanting to complete.	Supernumerary.
Regular Forces :—				
Regimental Establishments { British Establishment*	179,321†	172,829	6,492	—
Regimental Establishments { Indian Establishment‡	75,967	75,658	309	—
Staff and Departments and Miscellaneous Establishments	3,488	3,488	—	—
	258,776	251,975	6,801	—
Army Reserve	129,000¶	125,370	—	—
Militia (United Kingdom) :—				
Permanent Staff	4,576	4,339	237	—
Militia..	126,161	84,505	41,656	—
	130,737	88,844	41,893	—
Militia (Reserve Division)	7,700§	3,413	—	—
Militia (Channel Islands, Malta and Bermuda) :—				
Permanent Staff	179	172	7	—
Militia	5,527	4,744	783	—
	5,706	4,916‖	790	—
Imperial Yeomanry :—				
Permanent Staff	318	313	5	—
Yeomanry	27,290	25,195	2,095	—
	27,638	25,538	2,100	—
Honourable Artillery Company :—				
Permanent Staff	5	5	—	—
Officers and Members	899	530	369	—
	904	535	369	—
Volunteers (Great Britain) :—				
Permanent Staff	2,100	2,002	98	—
Volunteer Officers and Volunteers ..	333,749	253,324	80,425	—
	335,849	255,326	80,523	—
Volunteers (Bermuda) :—				
Permanent Staff	5	5	—	—
Volunteer Officers and Volunteers ..	314	177	137	—
	319	182	137	—
General Total	896,629	756,099	—	—

* This includes Indian Native Troops employed in the Colonies and North China.

† 3,690 men were included in the Establishments to cover "temporary and occasional excess of establishments in all arms."

‡ These numbers do not include any officers or men of the Indian Army.

‖ Strength of Channel Islands Militia on 1st July, 1907.

¶ This is the maximum number which it was expected the Reserve would reach by 1st April 1908.

§ This is the maximum number during the year; the force *is* gradually expiring.

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PART II.—STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION.

TABLE 1.—REGIMENTAL STRENGTH of the Regular Army BY ARMS on the first day of each Quarter, from 1st October, 1906, to 1st October, 1907, and the average strength, with the establishments shown in Army Estimates; including the British Troops on Indian Establishment.

Arm.	Strength.						Establishment.†	
	1st Oct. 1906.	1st Jan. 1907.	1st April, 1907.	1st July, 1907.	1st Oct. 1907.	Average‖ Strength.	1906-07.	1907-08.
Household Cavalry—								
Officers	82	81	80	76	73	78	72	72
Warrant Officers ...	7	7	6	7	7	7	6	6
N.C.O.'s and Men...	1,302	1,285	1,254	1,225	1,232	1,260	1,218	1,218
Cavalry of the Line—								
Officers	737	740	751	746	741	743	753	751
Warrant Officers ...	60	60	60	60	60	60	59	57
N.C.O.'s and Men...	19,460	19,621	19,263	18,852	18,875	19,241	18,422	18,076
R.H. and F.A.—								
Officers	1,089	1,076	1,066	1,080	1,103	1,085	1,108	1,126
Warrant Officers ...	60	58	59	59	60	59	66	66
N.C.O.'s and Men ...	39,105	29,617	29,233	29,216	29,609	29,482	28,729	28,746
R.G. Artillery—								
Officers	901	901	906	898	899	902	910	804
Warrant Officers ...	107	109	110	105	104	107	113	104
N.C.O.'s and Men ...	20,456	19,988	19,096	18,530	18,020	19,217	20,515	18,769
Royal Engineers—								
Officers	1,048	1,035	1,042	1,031	1,042	1,039	1,040	1,045
Warrant Officers ...	146	144	144	143	141	143	146	143
N.C.O.'s and Men ...	9,205	8,994	8,666	8,262	8,181	8,658	9,017	8,341
Foot Guards—								
Officers	302	304	298	296	284	297	305	277
Warrant Officers ...	18	18	16	16	16	17	19	18
N.C.O.'s and Men—	7,700	7,456	7,259	7,248	7,211	7,348	7,937	7,121
Infantry of the Line—								
Officers	4,344	4,370	4,359	4,378	4,377	4,372	4,524†	4,556
Warrant Officers ...	376	372	372	370	369	372	386	370
N.C.O.'s and Men ...	139,651	138,070	134,552	131,966	131,886	135,262	145,082†	139,114
Colonial Corps—								
Officers	166	161	151	147	137	154	195	136
Warrant Officers ...	7	7	7	7	6	7	8	6
N.C.O.'s and Men...	5,124	5,111	5,042	4,832	4,602	5,009	5,813	3,906
Army Service Corps—								
Officers	420	417	431	429	436	427	458	458
Warrant Officers ...	257	253	255	256	255	255	266	263
N.C.O.'s and Men ...	6,288	6,232	6,194	6,057	6,136	6,180	6,289	6,103
R.A.M.C.—								
Officers	1,021	1,050	996	983	996	1,002	1,019	1,021
Warrant Officers ...	62	62	61	61	61	62	62	62
N.C.O.'s and Men ...	4,289	4,173	4,368	4,236	4,005	4,308	4,127	4,060
A.O.C —								
Officers	229	230	235	233	234	232	236	237
Warrant Officers ...	132	133	136	134	134	133	139	140
N.C.O.'s and Men ...	2,142	2,171	2,167	2,156	2,192	2,166	2,186	2,183
A.V.C.—								
Officers	154	152	160	157	160	157	161	162
Warrant Officers ...	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
N.C.O.'s and Men ...	216	212	207	211	205	211	218	219
*Other Troops—								
Officers	226	228	213	212	204	215	196	168
Warrant Officers ...	10	12	9	8	7	9	—	—
N.C.O.'s and Men ...	5,166	5,211	4,532	4,564	4,420	4,729	6,279	5,382
TOTAL—								
Officers	10,729	10,715	10,688	10,666	10,691	10,703	11,007†	10,813†
Warrant Officers ...	1,244	1,237	1,237	1,228	1,222	1,233	1,272	1,237
N.C.O.'s and Men...	251,144	248,141	241,863	237,345	236,574	243,071	255,862†	243,238†

* Indian Troops borrowed from India.

† As provided for in Army Estimates, including in year 1906-07 20 officers and 1,080 N.C.O.'s and men (Infantry), and in 1907-08, 300 officers and 3,300 N.C.O.'s and men (all arms) additional numbers for "temporary and occasional excess of establishments."

‖ The average strength is based on the strength at the beginning and end of each month.

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TABLE 2.—REGIMENTAL STRENGTH of the Regular Army BY ARMS in each year from 1899.

Year.	ALL RANKS.																	Year.
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Imperial Yeomanry.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Infantry Royal Reserve Regiments.*	Colonial Corps and borrowed† Native Troops.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Pay Corps.	Army Veterinary Corps.	Army Post Office Corps	All Arms.	
1st Jan., 1899	1,298	18,102	—	19,053	20,370	7,975	7,249	141,332	—	7,242	3,599	3,651	1,388	592	—	—	231,851	1st Jan., 1899
1900	1,327	22,672	—	26,639	22,815	10,534	12,008	183,299	—	8,778	5,730	5,021	1,932	619	—	170	301,544	1900
1901	1,602	31,042	9,354	35,167	25,899	13,932	14,160	221,872	18,301	31,571	8,187	6,647	2,399	655	—	385	421,173	1901
1902	1,550	31,681	16,730	36,068	25,136	14,850	14,624	217,966	—	19,531	8,559	7,099	2,615	747	—	526	397,682	1902
1903	1,490	29,297	1,610	34,959	23,174	13,757	9,966	176,580	—	15,503	8,443	6,020	2,638	854	—	362	324,653	1903
1st Oct., 1903	1,426	23,084	—	32,511	23,067	11,480	7,847	157,669	—	19,609	6,928	5,346	2,542	900	—	2	292,411	1st Oct., 1903
1904	1,373	20,317	—	31,165	24,524	11,457	7,862	161,035	—	14,137	6,903	4,954	2,562	903	43	—	287,240	1904
1905	1,360	19,149	—	30,550	24,174	10,718	8,053	150,955	—	11,753	6,944	5,049	2,423	856	149	—	272,133	1905
1906	1,391	20,257	—	31,254	21,464	10,399	8,020	144,371	—	10,739	6,975	5,372	2,503	—‡	372	—	263,117	1906
1907	1,312	19,676	—	30,777	19,023	9,364	7,511	136,632	—	9,376	6,827	5,062	2,560	—‡	367	—	248,487	1907

* Disbanded in 1901. † Native Troops borrowed from India, &c., for garrison and expeditionary purposes. ‡ Not now included in Regimental strength.

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TABLE 3.—REGIMENTAL ESTABLISHMENT and STRENGTH of the Army, and the number wanting to complete or supernumerary to the Establishment in each year from 1899.

Year.	Establishments, Army Estimates.				Strength.				Supernumerary to Establishment, All Ranks.	Wanting to complete Establishment, All Ranks.
	Officers.	Warrant Officers.	N.C.O.'s and Men.	All Ranks.	Officers.	Warrant Officers.	N.C.O.'s and Men.	All Ranks.		
1st January, 1899 ..	8,628	1,022	234,906	244,556	8,537	982	222,332	231,851	—	12,705
" 1900 ..	9,269	1,060	239,137	249,466	9,318	1,081	291,145	301,544	52,078*	—
" 1901 ..	10,646	1,227	265,463	277,336	13,410	1,225	406,538	421,173	143,837*	—
" 1902 ..	10,939	1,259	272,231	284,429	12,882	1,253	383,547	397,682	113,253*	—
" 1903 ..	11,029	1,275	272,074	284,378	12,000	1,267	311,386	324,653	40,275*	—
1st October, 1903 ..	11,098	1,319	273,508	285,925	11,759	1,349	279,303	292,411	6,486*	—
" 1904 ..	11,100	1,316	269,013	281,429	11,156	1,310	274,774	287,240	5,811*	—
" 1905 ..	11,065†	1,336	273,635†	286,036†	10,788	1,310	260,035	272,133	—	13,903†
" 1906 ..	11,007‡	1,272	255,862‡	268,141‡	10,729	1,244	251,144	263,117	—	5,024‡
" 1907 ..	10,813‖	1,237	243,238‖	255,288‖	10,691	1,222	236,574	248,487	—	6,801‖

* Additional numbers, not included in the establishments shown above, were sanctioned in these years on account of the South African War, and the Somaliland Expedition.

† These numbers include 13,000 (40 officers and 12,960 N.C.O.'s and men) additional numbers (Infantry), for "temporary excess of ordinary establishment," as compared with from 1,000 to 1,500 provided for in normal years.

‡ These numbers include 20 officers and 1,080 N.C.O.'s and men additional numbers (Infantry), for "temporary excess of ordinary establishment."

‖ These numbers include 300 officers and 3,300 N.C.O.'s and men additional numbers (all arms) for "temporary and occasional excess of establishment."

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STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION.

TABLE 4.—INCREASE and DECREASE of NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and twelve months ending

	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Artillery. Horse and Field.	Royal Artillery. Garrison.*	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.
Effectives on the 1st Oct., 1906	1,302	19,460	30,105	20,456	9,205	7,700
INCREASE.						
Recruits joined. Long service	2	103	226	109	83	42
Short service: 1 year ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 years .	—	—	—	—	148	—
3 years..	—	—	—	—	400	1,276
6 years..	—	—	3,176	—	—	—
7 years..	—	2,175	—	—	—	—
8 years..	75	—	—	1,595	—	—
Re-enlisted	2	—	1	—	—	7
Colonial Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—
	79	2,283	3,403	1,704	631	1,325
Joined from desertion	2	174	122	58	11	78
From Army Reserve	—	19	7	12	2	5
Brought on Imperial Estabmt.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other causes	13	219	337	85	16	3
Total increase.. ..	94	2,695	3,869	1,859	660	1,411
DECREASE.						
Died	2	95	150	126	38	15
Discharged. After 21 years' service ..	16	92	174	196	153	36
Prematurely, after 18 years' service, under Royal Warrant, 25th June, 1881	9	28	41	72	25	4
On completing 1st Period..	9	147	183	155	27	13
As invalids..	23	298	255	187	61	130
By purchase	14	157	56	64	21	41
Under Section 81, Army Act, 1881.. ..	1	111	63	17	7	56
Free, under Royal Warrant for Pay, &c.— Article 1058 (ii.). ..	4	59	122	63	8	1
Article 1058 (iii.). ..	2	29	27	25	5	3
Not likely to become efficient soldiers.. ..	8	67	80	40	16	49
On conviction of making a false answer on attestation	—	3	9	15	1	4
For misconduct	2	188	247	112	11	69
Miscellaneous	10	94	175	268	116	70
	93	1,273	1,435	1,214	451	476
Struck off as deserters	11	354	223	128	29	133
To Army Reserve: On completion of service	—	1,247	2,040	2,326	427	927
On conversion of service	46	178	404	146	636	218
Relegated	1	10	—	1	—	7
To Militia, Yeomanry, and Volunteers	6	56	99	149	31	54
Given up as deserters	—	2	1	—	—	—
Struck off Imperial Estabmt. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other causes	—	65	13	205	72	40
Total decrease ..	164	3,260	4,365	4,295	1,684	1,900
Net increase	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net decrease	70	585	496	2,436	1,024	489
Effectives on the 1st Oct., 1907	1,232	18,875	29,609	18,020	8,181	7,211

* Including Artillery Clerks.

† Comprising Indian

‡ Includes some men discharged from the Royal Garrison

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STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION.

MEN on the Regimental Strength of each Arm of the Service during the 30th September, 1907.

Infantry of the Line.	Colonial Corps.	Indian Troops (borrowed). †	Army Service Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Veterinary Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	All Arms.
139,651	5,164	5,166	6,288	2,142	4,289	216	—	251,144
819	—	—	60	107	5	—	—	1,561
—	—	—	—	—	259	—	—	259
—	—	—	669	—	—	—	—	817
—	—	—	72	91	218	—	—	2,057
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,176
23,201	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25,376
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,670
38	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	48
—	590	—	—	—	—	—	—	590
24,058	590	—	801	198	482	—	—	35,554
1,143	18	—	28	—	13	—	—	1,647
218	3	—	—	1	—	1	—	268
—	—	383	—	—	—	—	—	383
269	26	—	38	24	7	9	—	1,046
25,688	637	383	867	223	502	10	—	38,898
632	50	24	23	6	23	2	—	1,186
572	20	—	69	25	55	3	—	1,411
200	10	—	10	2	5	1	—	407
1,848	314	—	20	1	7	1	—	2,725
1,619	255	—	44	21	30	5	—	2,928
555	5	—	11	6	8	—	—	938
410	2	—	6	—	10	—	—	686
577	70	—	3	1	2	—	—	910
108	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	202
587	64	—	8	—	8	1	—	928
87	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	122
1.264	86	—	76	3	61	—	—	2,119
1,306	139	—	56	10	37	—	—	2.281‡
9,133	969	—	303	69	225	11	—	15,657
2,104	32	—	50	4	21	2	—	3,091
19,394	34	—	603	48	413	—	—	27,459
784	19	—	18	22	87	6	—	2,594
36	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	55
695	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	1,099
4	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	8
—	—	1,105	—	—	—	—	—	1,105
671	95	—	22	24	7	—	—	1,214
33,453	1,199	1,129	1,019	173	786	21	—	53,468
—	—	—	—	50	—	—	—	—
7,765	562	746	152	—	284	11	—	14,570
131,886	4,602	4,420	6,136	2,192	4,005	205	—	236,574

Native Troops borrowed from India and stationed in the Colonies and North China.
Regiment, and some discharged on disbandment of various units.

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TABLE 5.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

	1st Jan. 1898.	1st Jan. 1899.	1st. Jan. 1900.	1st. Jan. 1901.
Strength on	212,393	222,373	290,914	406,443
INCREASE.				
Recruits joined. — Long service, 12 years ..	2,485	1,670	2,107	2,004
Short service — 1 year ..	—	40	24,449 (a)	23,373 (c)
Short service — 2 years ..	—	—	—	—
Short service — 3 years ..	5,949	5,966	7,619	8,950
Short service — 6 years ..	—	—	—	—
Short service — 7 years ..	31,115	32,531	37,974	34,203
Short service — 8 years ..	—	—	—	—
Short service — 9 years ..	—	—	—	—
Colonial Corps	1,180	2,493	1,560	1,882
Re-enlisted — Rl. Garrison Regiment	—	—	522	4,052
Re-enlisted — Others	—	—	24,130	1,187 (e)
Joined from desertion	1,789	2,022	2,438	2,689
From Army Reserve	4,578	55,662	18,717	1,188
From Militia Reserve	—	2,137	11,437	1
Taken on British Establishment / Other causes	207	82	21,845 (b)	517
Total increase	47,303	102,603	152,798	80,046
DECREASE.				
Died	2,578	2,457	10,153	5,969
Discharged. — After 21 years' service ..	583	584	176	504
Discharged. — Prematurely, after 18 years' service, under Pay Warrant ..	201	250	21	70
Discharged. — On completing 1st Period ..	1,288	857	827	18,689
Discharged. — As Invalids	3,683	3,377	5,927	9,614
Discharged. — By purchase..	1,574	1,432	81	143
Discharged. — Under Section 81, Army Act	1,649	1,482	56	76
Discharged. — Free, under Pay Warrant:— Article 1058 (ii.).. ..	—	328	56	155
Discharged. — Article 1058 (iii.) ..	387	381	470	535
Discharged. — Not likely to become efficient soldiers ..	586	633	755	1,038
Discharged. — On conviction of making a false answer on attestation	229	202	244	304
Discharged. — For misconduct	1,945	1,956	1,901	2,521
Discharged. — Miscellaneous	858	1,123	4,655	37,174 (h)
Total discharged ..	12,983	12,605	15,169	70,823
Struck off as deserters	4,107	4,504	6,378	7,686
To Army Reserve — On completion of service	14,888	11,694	63	359
To Army Reserve — On conversion of service	1,288	1,149	2,951 (g)	360
To Army Reserve — Relegated	69	61	41	85
To Army Reserve — On demobilization ..	—	—	—	—
To Militia Reserve	—	—	—	2,486
To Auxiliary Forces	664	560	1,211	883
"Given up" as deserters ..	66	55	112	108
Struck off British Establishment .. .. .. / Other causes	680	977	1,191	14,268
Total decrease	37,323	34,062	37,269	103,027
Net increase	9,980	68,541	115,529	—
Net decrease	—	—	—	22,981
Strength on 1st January in following year	222,373	290,914	406,443	383,462

(a) Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 10,242; City of London Imperial Volunteers, 1,664.
(b) Chiefly caused by Indian Native troops brought on British Establishment.
(c) Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 16,597.
(d) Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 7,035. * Figures for nine months only.
(e) Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 655, re-enlisted for one year.
(f) Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 204, re-enlisted for one year.

STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION.

and MEN on the Regimental Strength of the Army during each year from 1898.

1st Jan. 1902.	1st Jan. 1903. (9 months.)	1st Oct. 1903.	1st Oct. 1904.	1st Oct. 1905.	1st Oct. 1906.
383,462	311,386	279,303	274,774	260,035	251,144
1,894	1,524*	1,813	1,701	1,722	1,561
10,573 (*d*)	—	—	—	321	259
—	244*	827	760	1,744	817
38,942	27,556*	38,550	10,240	7,473	2,057
—	—	—	—	304	3,176
9,917	—	—	110	6,769	25,376
—	—	89	2,224	367	1,670
—	—	—	20,316	17,710	—
924	506*	792	473	689	590
2,250	1,121*	561	—	—	—
540 (*f*)	75*	10	139	1,266 (*j*)	48
2,851	2,241*	2,673	2,189	1,725	1,647
1,253	491*	399	311	721	268
23	5*	—	—	—	—
975	4,779*	{ 4,008 430	5,707 383	277 401	383 1,046
70,142	38,542*	50,152	44,553	41,489	38,898
3,896	1,560*	1,699	1,432	1,489	1,186
917	669*	709	830	1,008	1,411
263	285*	293	299	332	407
31,373	6,125*	5,354	3,729	2,766	2,725
8,869	4,074*	4,973	4,226	3,234	2,928
3,074	2,896*	1,795	988	1,106	938
1,244	655*	661	632	639	686
370	478*	492	528	647	910
462	460*	385	173	162	202
1,658	969*	1,373	1,822	1,248	928
332	181*	174	94	131	122
2,903	2,972*	3,656	3,090	2,121	2,119
28,625 (*i*)	4,434*	1,542	3,295	4,348 (*j*)	2,281 (*k*)
80,090	24,198*	21,407	19,706	17,682	15,657
7,162	4,653*	3,959	3,085	2,979	3,091
18,781	26,349*	15,205	17,266	23,777	27,459
355	1,412*	1,956	9,026	1,438	2,594
137	54*	66	42	55	55
17,559	10,340*	28	—	—	—
7,053	6*	—	—	—	—
679	714*	817	634	820	1,099
89	65*	44	10	9	8
6,417	1,283*	{ 8,755 745	7,559 532	348 1,783	1,105 1,214
142,218	70,625*	54,681	59,292	50,380	53,468
—	—	—	—	—	—
72,076	32,083*	4,529	14,739	8,891	14,570
311,386	1st Oct. 1903. 279,303	1st Oct. 1904. 274,774	1st Oct. 1905. 260,035	1st Oct. 1906. 251,144	1st Oct. 1907. 236,574

(*g*) Includes 2,869 men of Volunteer Waiting Companies (Army Order 29 of 1900).

(*h*) Includes Imperial Yeomanry, 9,342; Infantry Royal Reserve Regiments, 17,779; also Volunteers and other one-year men.

(*i*) Includes Imperial Yeomanry 20,801; also Volunteers and other one-year men.

(*j*) Includes 1,078 men discharged from the Royal Garrison Regiment and re-enlisted for service in the Infantry.

(*k*) Includes some men discharged from the Royal Garrison Regiment, and some discharged on disbandment of various units.

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TABLE 6.—DISTRIBUTION of the numbers on the Regimental Strength of the Army BY ARMS, ALL RANKS, on the 1st October, 1907, with the Total Establishment of each Arm of the Service.

	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Artillery.		Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps and Dept.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Veterinary Corps.	Colonial Corps.	Indian Native Troops.	All Arms.
			Horse and Field.	Garrison.										
AT HOME—														
England and Wales	1,312	6,997	13,204	7,184	5,009	6,796	41,255	4,603	1,364	2,834	142	—		90,700
Ireland	—	2,036	4,470	583	972	—	13,595	1,129	259	517	35	—	—	23,596
Scotland	—	4	807	222	87	—	3,262	110	75	115	1	—	—	4,683
Guernsey and Alderney...	—	—	—	116	12	—	778	6	10	12	—	—	—	934
Jersey	—	—	—	81	6	—	782	5	5	14	—	—	—	893
Total	1,312	9,037	18,481	8,186	6,086	6,796	59,672	5,853	1,713	3,492	178	—	—	120,806
EAST INDIA—														
Northern Army	—	4,323	4,451	2,505	—	—	31,186	—	61	—	—	—	—	42,526
Southern Army	—	2,142	5,043	2,303	—	—	22,071	—	76	—	—	—	—	31,640
Royal Artillery Staff, unposted, &c.	—	—	610	109	388	—	—	—	5	317	63	—	—	1,492
Total	—	6,465	10,104	4,922	388	—	53,257	—	142	317	63	—	—	75,658

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COLONIES AND EGYPT—														
South Africa	—	3,447	1,716	364	730	—	9,782	583	298	496	117	—	—	17,533
West Africa	—	—	—	164	63	—	—	4	13	17	—	2,128	—	2,089
Bermuda	—	—	—	175	94	—	948	14	47	34	—	—	—	1,312
Ceylon	—	—	—	127	39	—	—	6	13	51	—	65	765	1,046
China, North	—	—	—	52	3	—	422	5	2	20	—	—	—	504
,, South	—	—	—	674	267	—	445	32	32	50	—	457	1,630	3,587
Cyprus	—	—	—	—	—	—	103	2	—	6	—	—	1,503	1,614
Gibraltar	—	—	—	1,607	586	—	1,854	88	73	119	—	—	—	4,327
Jamaica	—	—	—	161	170	—	—	17	14	36	—	946	—	1,344
Malta...	—	—	—	1,923	493	—	3,640	103	55	196	—	471	—	6,881
Mauritius	—	—	—	139	152	—	676	11	19	53	—	194	—	1,244
Straits Settlements	—	—	—	330	109	—	833	10	18	34	—	184	733	2,[illegible]51
Egypt	—	727	207	199	120	715	3,121	95	53	143	9	—	—	5,692
Particular service, &c.	—	—	269	—	58	—	831	—	67	—	—	—	—	1,225
Total	—	4,174	2,192	5,915	2,884	715	22,958	970	704	1,235	126	4,745	4,631	51,249
CRETE	—	—	—	—	6	—	745	4	1	18	—	—	—	774
GENERAL TOTAL at Home and Abroad	1,312	19,676	30,777	19,023	9,364	7,511	136,632	6,827	2,560	5,062	367	4,745	4,631	248,487
ESTABLISHMENT as provided for in Army Estimates	1,296	18,884	29,938	19,677	9,529	7,416	144,040	6,824	2,560	5,143	383	5,550	4,018	255,288

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TABLE 7.—DISTRIBUTION of the Units of each Arm of the Service on the 1st October, 1907.

	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.		Royal Artillery.							Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.		Army Service Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Indian Native Infantry Battalions.	Colonial Corps.			
				Horse.		Field.		Garrison.											Artillery.	Engineers.	Infantry.	
	Regiments.	Regiments.	Reserve Squadrons.	Service Batteries.	Depôt.	Service Batteries.	Depôts.	Mountain Service Batteries.	Service Companies.	Depôts.	Units.	Battalions.	Battalions.	Regimental Depôts.	Companies.	Companies.	Companies.		Companies.	Companies.	Battalions	Depôt.
HOME:—																						
England	3	10	—	10	1	66	3	—	36	4	55	8	46	51	54	13	18	—	—	—	—	—
Ireland	—	3	1	2	—	27	1	—	4	—	9	—	19	8	18	3	4	—	—	—	—	—
Scotland	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	1	—	1	—	3	10	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Guernsey and Alderney ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jersey	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	3	13	1	12	1	99	4	—	43	4	65	8	70	69	73	17	23	—	—	—	—	—
EAST INDIES:—																						
Northern Army	—	6	—	7	—	19	—	5	14	—	1	—	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Southern Army	—	3	—	4	—	26	—	3	14	—		—	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
On passage, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	9	—	11	—	45	—	8	28	—	1	—	52	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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THE COLONIES AND EGYPT:—																						
South Africa	—	5	—	2	—	6	—	—	2	—	6	—	10	—	7	3	3	—	—	—	—	—
West Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	—
Bermuda	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Ceylon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—
China, North	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(4 Cos.)	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
China, South	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	(4 Cos.)	—	—	—	1	2	4	—	—	—
Cyprus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1 Co.)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gibraltar	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	4	—	2	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Jamaica	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—
Malta	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	2	—	4	—	1	1	1	—	4	—	—	—
Mauritius	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—
Straits Settlements	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—
Egypt	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	$3\frac{7}{8}$	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
On passage, &c.	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	6	—	5	—	6	—	—	29†	—	21	1	25	—	10	6	12	6	16	—	3	—
Crete	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
General Total at Home and Abroad	3	28	1	28	1	150	4	8	100	4	87	9	148*	69	83	23	35	6	16	—	3	—
				29		154			104													

* Excluding 1 Battalion, Royal Garrison Regiment, and 1 Provisional Battalion.
† Excluding Legation Guard, Pekin.

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PART III.—RECRUITING AND CASUALTIES.

TABLE 1.—RETURN showing the number of Recruits raised for the Regular Army (with the percentage of Infantry Recruits who joined the Territorial Regiment of the Regimental District), and for the Militia, by agencies under the orders of the Officer Commanding each Regimental District, Militia and Volunteer Artillery District, Engineer District, and Recruiting District, during the 12 months ended 30th September, 1907, and percentage of Recruits discharged for medical disability within three months of enlistment. Also the number of Recruits raised for the Regular Army during the last four years and nine months, and the number of men in each Territorial Regiment on 1st October, 1907, who were born in the Regimental District.

Recruiting Area and Headquarters of Districts.	Regular Army.						Militia.	Finally approved for the Regular Army during the past five years.					Number in territorial regiment on 1st Oct., 1907, born in the regimental district.
	For the territorial regiment of the district.	For other Infantry.	For other corps.	Total.	Percentage of Infantry Recruits who joined the territorial regiment of the district.*	Percentage of Recruits who were discharged for medical disability within three months from date of enlistment.		1903 (9 mths.)	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.	1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905.	1st Oct., 1905, to 30th Sept., 1906.	1st Oct., 1906, to 30th Sept., 1907.	
NORTHERN.													
Border.													
Militia and Vol. Arty., Scarborough ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	81	84	79	63	..	..
4th Regtl. Dist., Lancaster	67	18	22	107	78·82	·93	125	151	250	172	179	107	105
5th " Newcastle	30	75	44	149	28·57	2·88	387	154	353	226	232	149	225
68th " Newcastle	209	236	134	579	46·96		707	461	617	569	740	579	874
19th " Richmond	135	19	67	221	87·66	2·71	179	128	227	199	229	221	202
34th " Carlisle	51	18	21	90	73·91	1·11	187	40	122	87	76	90	195
Total	492	366	288	1,146	57·34	2·53	1,585	1,015	1,653	1,332	1,519	1,146	1,601

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North Midland.													
10th Regtl. Dist., Lincoln	162	18	41	221	90·00	2·71	264	229	269	293	220	221	680
17th " Leicester	209	60	84	353	77·69	5·09	251	374	487	463	325	353	1,141
38th " Lichfield	257	30	66	353	89·54	1·35	367	194	444	287	280	353	1,003
64th " Lichfield	192	39	79	310	83·11		337	214	405	387	352	310	1,045
45th " Derby	261	263	275	799	49·81	3·00	465	433	1,117	953	773	799	962
Total	1,081	410	545	2,036	72·50	2·79	1,684	1,444	2,722	2,383	1,950	2,036	4,831
Yorkshire.													
14th Regtl. Dist., York..	85	54	78	217	61·15	2·30	104	176	260	364	265	217	910
15th " Beverley	113	26	74	213	81·29	2·81	92	270	305	394	282	213	662
33rd " Halifax	132	132	120	384	50·00	1·82	450	464	622	486	352	384	681
51st " Pontefract	85	30	36	151	73·91	2·44	164	159	267	189	161	151	658
65th " Pontefract	94	17	24	135	84·68		130	93	171	138	190	135	752
Leeds Recruiting District	..	175	69	244	..	·82	348	364	427	361	265	244	..
Sheffield Recruiting District	..	165	78	243	..	1·64	207	501	429	294	251	243	..
Total	509	599	479	1,587	66·27	1·95	1,495	2,027	2,481	2,226	1,766	1,587	3,663
Total of Command ..	2,032	1,375	1,312	4,769	66·79	2·45	4,764	4,486	6,856	5,941	5,235	4,769	10,095
WESTERN.													
Lancashire.													
Militia and Vol. Arty., Seaforth.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	198	185	178	142	..	..
8th Regtl. Dist., Warrington.. ..	94	27	11	132	77·68	·95	58	178	230	122	162	132	449
40th " Warrington.. ..	42	23	9	77	61·76		69	155	203	134	118	77	169
20th " Bury	38	31	3	72	55·07	4·16	122	285	304	156	133	72	356
30th " Preston	35	64	73	172	35·35	2·08	300	388	333	220	210	172	322
47th " Preston	39	45	33	117	46·43		123	285	408	255	232	117	202
63rd " Ashton-under-Lyne.	68	76	22	166	47·22	2·41	170	467	603	324	235	166	870
Liverpool Recruiting District.. ..	..	308	247	555	..	1·98	742	630	661	529	632	555	..
Manchester Recruiting District ..	..	305	185	490	..	3·06	549	1,258	1,378	703	534	490	..
Total	316	882	583	1,781	54·01	2·30	2,133	3,844	4,305	2,621	2,398	1,781	2,368

* This column applies only to recruits raised by agencies under the Officer Commanding the Regimental District, recruits raised in Recruiting Districts being left out of account in arriving at the percentage.

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TABLE 1—*continued.*

Recruiting Area and Headquarters of Districts.	Regular Army. For the territorial regiment of the district.	For other Infantry.	For other corps.	Total.	Percentage of Infantry Recruits who joined the territorial regiment of the district.*	Percentage of Recruits who were discharged for medical disability within three months from date of enlistment.	Militia.	Finally approved for the Regular Army during the past five years. 1903. (9 mths.)	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.	1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905.	1st Oct., 1905, to 30th Sept., 1906.	1st Oct., 1906 to 30th Sept., 1907.	Number in territorial regiment on 1st Oct., 1907, born in the regimental district.
Welsh Border.													
22nd Regtl. Dist., Chester	140	51	63	254	73·29	2·36	277	464	1,013	510	367	254	611
23rd „ Wrexham	72	11	11	94	86·74	2·12	181	41	111	141	113	94	248
24th „ Brecon	133	62	55	250	68·20	2·00	454	257	473	436	385	250	320
41st „ Cardiff	245	109	143	497	69·20	4·22	825	715	693	744	627	497	575
53rd „ Shrewsbury.. ..	94	14	17	125	87·03	1·60	108	194	287	217	200	125	550
Total	684	247	289	1,220	73·47	2·95	1,845	1,671	2,577	2,048	1,692	1,220	2,304
Total of Command ..	1,000	1,129	872	3,001	65·96	2·56	3,978	5,515	6,882	4,669	4,090	3,001	4,672
SOUTHERN.													
South Midland.													
6th Regtl. Dist., Warwick	2	218	64	284	·90	2·46	100	280	501	252	267	284	1,077
28th „ Bristol . ..	235	179	291	705	56·76	2·12	527	399	796	782	912	705	1,198
29th „ Worcester	253	42	42	337	85·76	1·18	168	413	382	290	396	337	873
43rd „ Oxford	105	43	77	225	70·94	·44	370	146	211	166	270	225	546
49th „ Reading	195	23	58	276	89·44	1·08	171	258	540	275	337	276	723
Birmingham Recruiting District ..	..	484	193	677	..	2·36	637	795	1,386	899	771	677	..
Total	790	989	725	2,504	61·00	1·83	1,973	2,291	3,816	2,664	2,953	2,504	4,417

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Western Counties.													
Militia and Vol. Arty., Gosport	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	26	30	36	..	..
Militia and Vol. Arty., Devonport ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	145	136	117	125	..	..
11th Regtl. Dist., Exeter	241	38	147	426	86·38	0·70	376	220	325	367	285	426	1,166
13th „ Taunton	133	47	93	273	73·88	1·09	137	298	326	379	395	273	846
32nd „ Bodmin	36	6	25	67	85·71	..	207	58	84	60	72	67	140
37th „ Winchester.. ..	189	321	477	987	37·06	2·43	406	532	799	843	1,128	987	1,071
39th „ Dorchester	117	14	52	183	89·31	1·09	130	126	256	241	251	183	534
62nd „ Devizes	312	12	113	437	96·29	2·06	351	234	495	376	311	437	1,118
Devonport Engineer District	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	15	14	..	..	..
Total	1,028	438	907	2,373	70·12	1·72	1,607	1,641	2,462	2,427	2,603	2,373	4,875
Total of Command ..	1,818	1,427	1,632	4,877	65·84	1·78	3,580	3,932	6,278	5,091	5,556	4,877	9,292
EASTERN.													
Eastern Counties.													
Militia and Vol. Arty., Yarmouth ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70	117	141	154	..	..
9th Regtl. Dist., Norwich	197	108	86	391	64·59	1·53	379	326	593	462	468	391	1,243
12th „ Bury St. Edmunds..	186	253	134	573	42·36	1·57	494	520	829	703	694	573	1,453
16th „ Bedford	221	65	56	342	77·27	0·58	618	273	363	284	286	342	787
44th „ Warley	271	183	186	640	59·69	1·25	329	626	871	808	697	640	1,252
48th „ Northampton ..	222	183	67	472	54·81	3·17	489	300	408	327	368	472	690
Total	1,097	792	529	2,418	58·07	1·65	2,309	2,115	3,181	2,725	2,667	2,418	5,425
Home Counties.													
Militia and Vol. Arty., Dover	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	245	418	288	255	..	..
2nd Regtl. Dist., Guildford	150	108	116	374	58·14	1·60	162	149	333	342	296	374	917
3rd „ Canterbury	246	141	212	599	63·57	2·50	328	275	549	671	889	599	1,141
7th „ Hounslow	417	126	151	694	76·79	1·44	213	249	425	421	583	694	2,656
31st „ Kingston	162	242	124	528	40·09	2·46	358	158	424	419	450	528	692
35th „ Chichester	232	208	305	745	52·72	1·88	392	449	666	571	719	745	1,167

* *See* footnote on page 41.

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TABLE 1—*continued.*

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EASTERN—*continued.*													
Home Counties—continued.													
50th Regtl. Dist., Maidstone	228	96	90	414	70·37	2·17	177	251	323	204	308	414	976
Chatham (S.M.E.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	77	63	..	..	..
Total	1,435	921	998	3,354	60·90	1·99	1,630	1,820	3,215	2,979	3,500	3,354	7,549
Total of Command ..	2,532	1,713	1,527	5,772	59·64	1·85	3,939	3,935	6,396	5,704	6,167	5,772	12,974
SCOTTISH.													
Highland.													
42nd Regtl. Dist., Perth	235	189	156	580	55·42	2·41	494	395	697	544	708	580	949
72nd " Fort George ..	102	7	7	116	93·58	1·96	117	40	79	95	145	116	367
79th " Inverness	27	4	6	37	87·09		194	48	92	74	81	37	143
75th " Aberdeen	156	48	38	242	76·47	1·65	448	140	219	249	279	242	517
91st " Stirling	135	103	50	288	56·72	1·73	294	173	326	390	317	288	451
Total	655	351	257	1,263	65·11	2·05	1,547	796	1,413	1,352	1,530	1,263	2,427

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Lowland.													
1st Regtl. Dist., Glencorse	65	46	14	125	58·55	0·80	150	97	226	234	161	125	555
21st " Ayr	37	33	8	78	52·85	2·56	161	71	160	141	139	78	144
25th " Berwick	94	28	12	134	77·05	4·47	138	110	163	191	141	134	273
26th " Hamilton	24	27	15	66	47·05	0·98	105	198	299	183	153	66	271
71st " Hamilton	61	52	24	137	53·98		229	130	222	205	179	137	404
Glasgow Recruiting District	..	1,043	419	1,462	..	1·29	1,055	626	828	888	761		..
Edinburgh Recruiting District ..	..	477	131	608	..	1·97	638	404	848	648	717	608	..
Total	281	1,706	623	2,610	60·17	1·61	2,476	1,636	2,746	2,490	2,251	2,610	1,647
Total (Scottish Districts).. ..	936	2,057	880	3,873	63·54	1·75	4,023	2,432	4,159	3,842	3,781	3,873	4,074
IRISH.													
North Irish.													
Militia Artillery, Londonderry	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70	85	59	53	..	..
27th Regtl. Dist., Omagh	99	18	43	160	84·61	1·87	230	94	151	157	133	160	302
83rd " Belfast	309	154	157	620	66·73	2·09	1,073	443	620	411	362	620	704
87th " Armagh	85	46	29	160	64·88	2·50	196	192	297	187	170	160	372
102nd " Naas..	117	38	27	182	75·48	5·49	210	141	189	157	173	182	904
Dublin Recruiting District	..	454	337	791	..	2·14	773	641	869	1,125	764	791	..
Total	610	710	593	1,913	70·43	2·45	2,482	1,581	2,211	2,096	1,655	2,482	2,282
South Irish.													
Militia Artillery, Cork	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	188	259	192	127	..	..
18th Regtl. Dist., Clonmel	123	89	115	327	58·01	2·14	539	228	317	264	327	327	751
88th " Galway	72	31	28	131	69·93	2·29	285	196	189	141	153	131	559
100th " Birr	91	57	51	199	61·48	0·50	364	176	278	256	214	199	373
101st " Tralee	161	100	118	379	61·68	3·69	982	283	350	217	263	379	1,256
Total	447	277	312	1,036	61·74	2·41	2,190	1,071	1,393	1,070	1,084	1,036	2,939
Total (Irish Districts)	1,057	987	905	2,949	66·47	2·44	4,672	2,652	3,604	3,166	2,739	2,949	5,221

* *See* footnote on page 41.

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TABLE 1—*continued.*

Recruiting Area and Headquarters of Districts.	Regular Army. For the territorial regiment of the district.	For other Infantry.	For other corps.	Total.	Percentage of Infantry Recruits who joined the territorial regiment of the district.*	Percentage of Recruits who were discharged for medical disability within three months from date of enlistment.	Militia.	Finally approved for the Regular Army during the past five years. 1903 (9 mths.)	1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904.	1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905.	1st Oct., 1905, to 30th Sept., 1906.	1st Oct., 1906, to 30th Sept., 1907.	Number in territorial regiment on 1st Oct. 1907, born in the regimental district.
London District.													
London Recruiting District	..	4,548	2,214	6,762	..	1·55	5,051	4,205	4,624	4,545	6,243	6,762	..
Woolwich Recruiting District.. ..	..	410	485	895	..	0·67	542	1,041	1,364	1,024	999	895	..
57th Regtl. Dist., Mill Hill	358	140	120	618	71·88	0·80	375	187	268	340	457	618	2,377
Total	358	5,098	2,819	8,275	71·88	1·40	5,968	5,433	6,256	5,909	7,699	8,275	2,377
English Districts	7,340	10,560	7,953	25,853	63·79	1·84	20,769	22,288	31,391	25,993	27,622	25,853	38,267
Welsh "	450	182	209	841	71·20	3·32	1,460	1,013	1,277	1,321	1,125	841	1,143
Scottish "	936	2,057	880	3,873	63·54	1·75	4,023	2,432	4,159	3,842	3,781	3,873	4,074
Irish "	1,057	987	905	2,949	66·47	2·44	4,672	2,652	3,604	3,166	2,739	2,949	5,221
Total	9,783	13,786	9,947	33,516	64·34	1·92	30,924	28,385	40,431	34,322	35,267	33,516	48,705

N.B.—The above does not include recruits raised at the headquarters of regiments, battalions, batteries, and embodied Militia units stationed outside their Territorial District.

* *See* footnote on page 41.

NOTE ON THE VARIOUS FIGURES GIVEN FOR RECRUITS.

The number of recruits who joined the Regular Army during the year, excluding Colonial Corps and re-enlisted men, was 34,916 (*see* Recruiting Report, p. 1, and Increase and Decrease Table, p. 32).

The above Table shows that 33,516 were raised and finally approved by districts, and the Table on p. 48 shows that 1,194 were raised and finally approved at headquarters of units at home: in addition, 123 were raised at headquarters of units abroad: the total raised being 34,833. Of these, 69 casualties before joining units are accounted for on p. 48, giving a net total of 34,764 as having joined units. The number accounted for in the Increase and Decrease Table is 34,916. The discrepancy of 152 is due to the returns being furnished by different authorities.

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TABLE 2.—RECRUITING.—The numbers rejected, attested, and finally approved, AT HOME, showing the agencies by which, and the countries in which, the men finally approved were raised.

(*a*) During each year from 1898, to 30th September, 1905.

Year.	Recruiting Report								Agencies by which Men Finally Approved were Raised.													Where Men Finally Approved were Raised.		
	Rejected before Attestation.		Attested.	Rejected after Attestation.		Before final approval.		Finally Approved.*	Head Quarters of Units.	Infantry Regimental Districts.					Artillery Agencies.†	Engineer Agencies.‡	Recruiting Districts under Recruiting Staff Officers.					England and Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.
	By Recruiters.	By Medical Officers.		By Medical Officers.	By Approving Officers.	Deserted.	Other losses.			Paid Recruiters.	Special Paid Recruiters.	Paid Pensioners.	Ordinary Recruiters.	Total.			Paid Recruiters.	Special Paid Recruiters.	Paid Pensioners.	Ordinary Recruiters.	Total.			
1898	10,448	17,073	44,347	3,583	1,226	593	55	38,890	1,084	4,520	917	1,772	15,150	22,359	1,086	91	2,209	5,340	3,118	3,603	14,270	30,764	3,950	4,176
1899	8,618	16,174	46,731	3,829	1,302	717	156	40,727	1,219	4,353	936	2,376	15,748	23,413	984	93	3,571	3,933	3,511	4,003	15,018	32,307	4,420	4,000
1900	8,319	16,006	54,047	3,534	1,434	733	225	48,121	1,137	3,652	1,625	5,372	14,878	25,527	1,559	199	3,009	3,163	7,646	5,876	19,694	38,689	5,336	4,091
1901	14,508	15,783	52,337	3,454	1,533	810	235	46,305	1,500	4,441	1,544	5,894	13,484	25,363	1,168	155	3,803	2,765	6,965	4,586	18,119	37,283	5,211	3,811
1902	14,310	18,625	60,098	4,285	1,958	782	176	52,897	1,936	5,143	1,806	7,587	15,011	29,547	1,622	112	3,105	2,484	8,522	5,527	19,638	42,438	5,484	4,933
1903 (1st 9 months) ...	10,210	11,771	31,234	2,602	1,418	522	175	29,517	1,190	3,202	819	4,196	8,634	18,041	1,012	57	1,711	1,273	4,439	3,042	10,465	24,601	2,268	2,706
Year ending 30th Sept., 1904.	23,970	16,342	49,512	3,985	2,477	693	316	42,041	1,610	4,704	1,232	5,454	14,825	26,215	1,310	92	2,445	1,534	4,860	3,975	12,814	34,186	4,166	3,689
Year ending 30th Sept., 1905.	20,382	17,681	42,986	3,894	2,633	491	417	35,551	1,239	3,666	1,062	4,214	13,204	22,146	1,084	76	1,961	1,601	3,457	3,997	11,016	28,493	3,855	3,223

* These numbers do not take into account certain casualties which take place before recruits join their units, and do not quite agree with the "recruits joined" shown in the Increase and Decrease Table on pages 34 and 35.

† Under officers commanding Militia and Volunteer Artillery Districts.

‡ Under Commanding Royal Engineers of Districts.

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RECRUITING AND CASUALTIES.

TABLE 2—*continued.*

(*b*) For the twelve months ending 30th September, 1906 and 1907.

	1906.	1907.
Offered for Enlistment	**108,769**	**91,588**
Rejected before being served with Notice Papers :—		
For Physical reasons	20,397	14,097
For other reasons	5,217	4,636
	25,614	18,733
Served with Notice Papers	**83,155**	**72,855**
Casualties before Attestation :—		
Examined by Recruiters or Recruiting Officers	*80,931*	*70,487*
Rejected by Recruiters or Recruiting Officers :—		
For Physical reasons	16,834	10,469
For other reasons	2,103	2,205
Examined by Medical Officers	*52,316*	*49,306*
Rejected for Physical reasons by Medical Officers ..	15,440	13,515
Failure to appear for Attestation	4,665	4,977
Other casualties before Attestation	569	988
Total casualties before attestation	39,611	32,154
Attested..	**43,544**	**40,701**
Casualties after Attestation :—		
Examined by Medical Officers	*12,746*	*8,128*
Rejected for Physical reasons by Medical Officers ..	3,807	2,428
Examined by Approving Officers..	*38,726*	*37,994*
Rejected by Approving Officers :—		
For Physical reasons	101	103
For other reasons	2,691	2,877
Deserted	380	341
Other casualties before final approval	185	242
	7,164	5,991
Finally Approved	**36,380**	**34,710**
Deserted after final approval before joining unit	26	32
Other casualties before joining unit	15	37
	41	69
Joined unit	**36,339**	**34,641**
Raised in Infantry Regimental Districts :—		
Paid Recruiters	3,549	3,848
Special Paid Recruiters	979	725
Paid Pensioner Recruiters	4,569	3,735
Ordinary Recruiters..	13,278	12,233
Pensioner Conductors	—	218
Militia and Volunteer Artillery Agencies	955	—
Raised by Recruiting Staff Officers :—		
Paid Recruiters	1,568	1,178
Special Paid Recruiters	1,910	2,021
Paid Pensioner Recruiters	3,712	3,965
Ordinary Recruiters..	4,747	1,810
Pensioner Conductors	—	3,753
Raised at Headquarters	1,113	1,194
	36,380	**34,710**
Country in which raised :—		
England and Wales	29,791	27,816
Scotland	3,782	3,874
Ireland	2,807	3,020
	36,380	**34,710**

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TABLE 3.—NUMBER of RECRUITS taken on the strength of Corps for each Arm for the year ending 30th September, 1907, and for all Arms for each year from 1898, showing the numbers who became Non-effective from various causes within Three Months of the Date of Enlistment.

—	Number of Recruits joined. (a)	Casualties within three months of Date of Enlistment.										Total serving on Army Engagement at the expiration of Three Months from the Date of Enlistment.	Proportion of net casualties per 1,000 Recruits joined.
		Died.	Deserted.‖	Claimed Discharge under Sec. 81, Army Act.	Discharged for Fraudulent Enlistment or for making false answers on attestation.	Discharged as not likely to become efficient Soldiers. For Medical reasons.	Discharged as not likely to become efficient Soldiers. For other reasons.	Misstatement as to age on Enlistment.	Other causes.	Total. casualties.	Rejoined from desertion.		
Household Cavalry	77	—	—	3	1	3	1	—	2	10	—	67	129·9
Cavalry of the Line	2,283	2	63	133	7	29	33	16	22	305	2	1,980	132·7
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	3,402	1	54	83	8	39	14	15	22	236	8	3,174	67·0
Royal Garrison Artillery ...	1,704	—	12	20	9	9	7	8	13	78	2	1,628	44·6
Royal Engineers	528 (b)	—	3	10	—	2	1	2	33	51	—	477	96·6
Foot Guards	1,318	4	9	59	4	44	4	4	14	142	1	1,177	107·0
Infantry	24,020	6	369	530	127	398	129	197	297	2,053	87	22,054	81·8
Army Service Corps... ...	801	—	8	5	—	—	17	—	12	42	2	761	49·9
Army Ordnance Corps ...	198	1	—	3	—	1	—	—	—	5	—	193	25·3
Royal Army Medical Corps	482	—	3	7	1	—	10	—	17	38	—	444	78·8
Total for year ending 30th Sept., 1907 ...	34,813(b)	14	521	853	157	525	216	242	432	2,960	102	31,955	82·1
1898	38,279	19	906	1,668	220	362		660		3,835	—	34,444	100·19
1899*	32,143	33	827	1,038†	167	384		656		3,105	—	29,038	*
1900*	44,685	70	1,499	24†	175	461		873		3,102	—	41,583	*
1901*	41,532	28	1,752	26†	252	719		1,108		3,885	—	37,647	*
1902	50,749	31	1,703	933†	221	1,382		1,359		5,629	—	45,120	110·92
1903 (1st Jan. to 30th Sept.)	29,130‡	12‡	605‡	590‡	122‡	645‡		650‡		2,624‡	—	26,506‡	90·08
Years ending:—													
30th Sept., 1904	41,008	14	511	766	170	1,001		906		3,368	—	37,640	82·13
30th Sept., 1905	35,306	16	497	830	155	1,597		699		3,794	—	31,512	107·47
30th Sept., 1906 ...	36,300 (a)	15	523	868	140	372	583	710		3,211	72	33,161	86·5
Proportion per 1,000—													
Year ending 30th Sept., 1906...	1,000	·41	14·41	23·92	3·86	10·25	16·06	19·57		88·48	1·98	913·5	—
Year ending 30th Sept., 1907...	1,000	·40	14·97	24·50	4·51	15·08	6·20	6·95	12·41	85·02	2·92	917·9	—

* The numbers for these years are incomplete.
‡ Figures for nine months only.
(a) For the years ending 30th Sept. 1906 and 30th Sept. 1907 the numbers at home and abroad are given, whereas in previous years the number at home only has been shown.
(b) Does not include 103 men enlisted and at once passed to the Reserve.
† Discharges by purchase were suspended during the South African War, October, 1899, to May, 1902.
‖ The figures from 1898 to 1904–5 show the number deserted and not rejoined.

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TABLE 4.—RECRUITS JOINED by Arms, showing terms of

—		Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Artillery. Horse and Field.	Royal Artillery. Garrison.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.
1898	Long service ..	121	102	114	149	105	91
	Short service 7 years..	—	3,676	3,235	3,035	713	717
	Short service 3 „ ..	—	—	—	—	241	1,475
	Total	121	3,778	3,349	3,184	1,059	2,283
1899	Long service ..	145	88	194	195	73	51
	Short service 7 years..	—	4,705	3,811	2,952	965	665
	Short service 3 „ ..	—	—	—	—	364	1,439
	Short service 1 year ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total	145	4,793	4,005	3,147	1,402	2,155
1900	Long service ..	312	84	307	122	125	53
	Short service 7 years..	—	6,718	6,912	2,919	1,514	992
	Short service 3 „ ..	—	—	—	—	541	1,420
	Short service 1 „ ..	—	10,242‡	722	—	469	—
	Total	312	17,044	7,941	3,041	2,649	2,465
1901	Long service ..	201	112	163	152	130	82
	Short service 7 years..	—	6,243	6,674	2,699	1,287	815
	Short service 3 „ ..	—	10	—	—	393	1,401
	Short service 1 „ ..	—	16,597‡	75	—	828	—
	Total	201	22,962	6,912	2,851	2,638	2,298
1902	Long service ..	149	127	169	164	98	59
	Short service 7 years..	—	1,913	2,092	762	440	227
	Short service 3 „ ..	—	4,138	6,270	2,556	1,035	1,548
	Short service 1 „ ..	—	7,035‡	62	—	163	—
	Total	149	13,213	8,593	3,482	1,736	1,834
1.1.03 to 30.9.03	Long service ..	49†	97†	224†	138†	42†	68†
	Short service 3 years..	—	247†	2,192†	2,783†	723†	1,076†
	Short service 2 „ ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total	49†	344†	2,416†	2,921†	765†	1,144†
1.10.03 to 30.9.04	Long service ..	25	99	211	173	75	99
	Short service 8 years..	89	—	—	—	—	—
	Short service 3 „ ..	—	390	2,142	3,672	1,037	1,897
	Short service 2 „ ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total	114	489	2,353	3,845	1,112	1,996
1.10.04 to 30.9.05	Long service ..	1	98	201	165	86	73
	Short service 9 years..	—	—	—	1,024	—	—
	Short service 8 „ ..	122	2,102	—	—	—	—
	Short service 7 „ ..	—	110	—	—	—	—
	Short service 3 „ ..	—	65	3,622	1,228	469	2,139
	Short service 2 „ ..	—	—	—	—	95	—
	Total	123	2,375	3,823	2,417	650	2,212

* Various terms of enlistment. ‡ Imperial Yeomanry.

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enlistment, and RE-ENLISTED MEN from 1898 to 1906–7.

Infantry of the Line.	Colonial Corps.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	Total (excluding Colonial Corps).	Total (including Colonial Corps).	Re-enlisted Men.
901	820	25	11	46	—	1,665	2,485	—
19,022	1,491*	—	273	133	—	30,804	38,244	—
3,515		441	268	—	9	5,949		—
23,438	2,311	466	552	179	9	38,418	40,729	—
805	423	52	11	56	—	1,670	2,093	—
19,006	2,070*	—	310	117	—	32,531	40,607	—
2,930		905	260	—	68	5,966		—
—	—	—	40	—	—	40		—
22,741	2,493	957	621	173	68	40,207	42,700	—
964	593	62	30	48	—	2,107	2,700	—
18,214	967*	—	392	313	—	37,974	71,009	—
3,322		1,748	353	—	235	7,619		—
12,232§		—	784	—	—	24,449		—
34,732	1,560	1,810	1,559	361	235	72,149	73,709	24,652
976	281	95	20	73	—	2,004	2,285	—
15,690	1,601*	—	412	383	—	34,203	68,127	—
5,482		1,008	656	—	—	8,950		—
4,748		—	886	—	239	23,373		—
26,896	1,882	1,103	1,974	456	239	68,530	70,412	5,239
896	423	167	10	55	—	1,894	2,317	—
4,270	501*	—	122	91	—	9,917	59,933	—
21,228		1,129	847	191	—	38,942		—
2,449		611	213	—	40	10,573		—
28,843	924	1,907	1,192	337	40	61,326	62,250	2,790
731†	27†	125†	—	50†	—	1,524†	1,551†	—
19,381†	479*†	358†	715†	81†	—	27,556†	28,279†	—
—		244†	—	—	—	244†		—
20,112†	506†	727†	715†	131†	—	29,324†	29,830†	1,196†
974	55	67	16	74	—	1,813	1,868	—
—	737*	—	—	—	—	89	40,203	—
28,768		261	282	101	—	38,550		—
—		827	—	—	—	827		—
29,742	792	1,155	298	175	—	41,279	42,071	571
931	113	85	13	48	—	1,701	1,814	—
19,292	360*	—	—	—	—	20,316	34,010	—
—		—	—	—	—	2,224		—
—		—	—	—	—	110		—
1,947		137	559	59	15	10,240		—
—		665	—	—	—	760		—
22,170	473	887	572	107	15	35,351	35,824	139

† Figures for 9 months only. § Includes 1,664 C.I.V.

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TABLE 4.—RECRUITS JOINED by Arms, showing terms of

—		Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Artillery. Horse and Field.	Royal Artillery. Garrison.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.
1.10.05 to 30.9.06	Long service ..	4	136	192	170	67	48
	Short service: 9 years..	—	—	—	1,386	—	—
	8 „ ..	165	2	—	200	—	—
	7 „ ..	—	3,528	—	—	—	—
	6 „ ..	—	—	304	—	—	—
	3 „ ..	—	—	4,343	3	680	1,666
	2 „ ..	—	—	—	—	381	—
	1 „ ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total	169	3,666	4,839	1,759	1,128	1,714
1.10.06 to 30.9.07	Long service ..	2	108	226	109	83	42
	Short service: 8 years..	75	—	—	1,595	—	—
	7 „ ..	—	2,175	—	—	—	—
	6 „ ..	—	—	3,176	—	—	—
	3 „ ..	—	—	—	—	400	1,276
	2 „ ..	—	—	—	—	148	—
	1 „ ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total	77	2,283	3,402	1,704	631	1,318

* Various terms of enlistment.

NOTES ON TERMS OF ENLISTMENT.

(i) *Terms of Enlistment on 1st October*, 1906.

Long Service: 12 years with the colours.
Short Service:—

	With the Colours.	In the Reserve.
Household Cavalry	8	4
Cavalry of the Line	7	5
Horse and Field Artillery	6	6
Garrison Artillery	8	4
Royal Engineers: dismounted.. ..	3	9
Royal Engineers: mounted	2	10
Foot Guards	3	9
Infantry of the Line	7	5
Army Service Corps: drivers	2	10
Army Service Corps: others	3	9
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	3	9
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	1	11
Army Ordnance Corps	3	9

Railway, Telegraph and Submarine Mining Reserve of the Royal Engineers, and Army Post Office Corps, 3 years with the colours* and 3 in the reserve. Short Service in the Royal Malta Artillery was for 7 years with the colours and 5 in the reserve, and in other Colonial Corps for periods of 3 and 5 years with the colours and no reserve service.

There have been no changes during the past year.

(ii) *Changes since the introduction of short service.*

The Army Enlistment Act of 1870, under which recruiting for short service was first authorised, was promulgated by Army Circular dated 10th August, 1870.

General Order 34 of 1874 defined the proportions in which recruits for long and short service respectively were permitted to be enlisted for the several arms of the service.

Under General Orders 51 of 1874 and 53 of 1875 recruits for the Royal Artillery and Foot Guards were permitted to be enlisted for long and short service indiscriminately.

Under Army Circulars 1874 (Cl. 67) short service in the Cavalry, Artillery, and Engineers consisted of 8 years with the colours and 4 years with the reserve, and in the Infantry and Army Service Corps of 6 years with the colours and 6 years with the reserve.

Under General Order 18 of 1878 all enlistments for Infantry of the Line, except men specially enlisted and boys under 16 years of age, were to be for short service.

Under General Order 80 of 1881 short service consisted of 7 years with the colours and 5 years with the reserve. This Order also defines the class of, and corps for which, men were to be enlisted for long service.

* The 3 years with the colours are converted into reserve service immediately on enlistment.

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enlistment, and RE-ENLISTED MEN from 1897 to 1905-6 (*continued*).

Infantry of the Line.	Colonial Corps.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	Total (excluding Colonial Corps).	Total (including Colonial Corps).	Re-enlisted Men.
968	303	59	8	70	—	1,722	2,025	—
16,324		—	—	—	—	17,710		—
—		—	—	—	—	367		—
3,241		—	—	—	—	6,769		—
—	386*	—	—	—	—	304	35,074	—
—		93	544	144	—	7,473		—
241		1,122	—	—	—	1,744		—
—		—	321	—	—	321		—
20,774	689	1,274	873	214	—	36,410	37,099	1,266‖
819	113	60	5	107	—	1,561	1,674	—
—		—	—	—	—	1,670		—
23,201		—	—	—	—	25,376		—
—	477*	—	—	—	—	3,176	33,832	—
—		72	218	91	—	2,057		—
—		669	—	—	—	817		—
—		—	259	—	—	259		—
24,020	590	801	482	198	—	34,916	35,506	48

† Figures for 9 months only. § Includes 1,664 C.I.V.

‖ Includes 1,078 men discharged from the Royal Garrison Regiment and re-enlisted for service in the Infantry.

Under General Order 90 of 1883 short service in the Foot Guards consisted of 3 years with the colours and 9 years with the reserve.

Under General Order 66 of 1887 short service in the Royal Engineers consisted of 7 years with the colours and 5 years in the reserve, or 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve; and in the Army Service Corps and Medical Staff Corps of 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve.

Under Army Order 254 of 1890 short service in the Foot Guards consisted of 7 years with the colours and 5 years in the reserve, or 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve.

Under Army Order 11 of 1891 short service in the Medical Staff Corps consisted of 7 years with the colours and 5 years in the reserve, or 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve.

Under Army Order 60 of 1898 short service recruits for the Infantry of the Line were permitted to be enlisted to a limited extent for 3 years with the colours and 9 years in the reserve.

Under Army Order 73 of 1902 short service in Cavalry of the Line, Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, Foot Guards, Infantry of the Line, Army Service Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps, and Army Ordnance Corps consists of 3 years with the colours and 9 in the reserve.

From 1st February, 1903, Drivers for the Army Service Corps were enlisted for 2 years with the colours and 10 years in the reserve (Army Order 31 of 1903).

From 15th December, 1903, short service recruits were enlisted for the Household Cavalry, the term being 8 years with the colours and 4 in the reserve (Army Order 209 of 1903).

Under Special Army Order dated 20th October, 1904, short service in the Infantry of the Line became 9 years with the colours and 3 in the reserve.

Under Special Army Order dated 27th December, 1904, short service in the Cavalry of the Line became 8 years with the colours and 4 in the reserve; and under Army Order 168 of September, 1905, it became 7 years with the colours and 5 in the reserve.

Under Special Army Order of 9th January, 1905, short service in the Royal Garrison Artillery became 9 years with the colours and 3 in the reserve, except for Artificers, for whom it remained 3 years with the colours and 9 in the reserve.

Under Army Order 74 of April, 1905, short service for Drivers of the Royal Engineers became (from 15th April, 1905) 2 years with the colours and 10 in the reserve.

Under Special Army Order dated 20th October, 1905, short service of 2 years with the colours and 10 years with the reserve was tentatively introduced for certain regiments of Infantry of the Line (Army Order 204, 1905). This Order was cancelled on February 1st, 1906 (Army Order 29, 1906).

By Army Order 137, June 1906, an additional term of service of 1 year with the colours and 11 with the reserve was introduced for the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Under Special Army Order, dated 3rd August, 1906, short service in the Horse and Field Artillery became 6 years with the colours and 6 with the reserve; in the Royal Garrison Artillery, 8 years with the colours and 4 with the reserve; Infantry of the Line, 7 years with the colours and 5 with the reserve (Army Order 209, 1906).

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TABLE 5.—AGES on attestation of RECRUITS taken on the strength of the Regular Army during the Year ending 30th September, 1907.

—	Under 15 years.	15 to 16 years.	16 to 17 years.	17 to 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	21 to 22 years.	22 to 23 years.	23 to 24 years.	24 to 25 years.	25 and upwards.	Not reported.	Total.
Household Cavalry ..	2	—	—	—	31	20	11	5	4	4	—	—	—	77
Cavalry of the Line ..	52	53	3	2	163	1,029	534	203	120	64	48	12	—	2,283
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	131	70	25	12	1,401	798	422	224	150	90	67	12	—	3,402
Royal Garrison Artillery	58	37	14	—	497	338	285	138	133	96	94	14	—	1,704
Royal Engineers ..	19	64	—	—	125	101	93	78	58	34	27	32	—	631
Foot Guards	22	16	1	8	507	312	169	95	62	61	58	7	—	1,318
Infantry of the Line ..	377	411	44	257	13,359	4,490	2,195	1,176	714	538	412	47	—	24,020
Colonial Corps	14	2	5	4	23	42	72	58	89	66	69	111	35	590
Army Service Corps ..	40	15	5	6	438	138	55	39	30	17	15	3	—	801
Royal Army Medical Corps	3	2	—	—	225	85	49	26	22	17	26	27	—	482
Army Ordnance Corps ..	7	17	4	1	39	15	16	18	28	13	16	24	—	198
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Army Post Office Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	725	687	101	290	16,808	7,368	3,901	2,060	1,410	1,000	832	289	35	35,506

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TABLE 6.—Ages on attestation of the RECRUITS taken on the strength of the Regular Army in each Year from 1898.

Year.	Under 17 years.			17 and under 18 years.	18 and under 19 years.	19 and under 20 years.	20 and under 21 years.	21 and under 22 years.	22 and under 23 years.	23 and under 24 years.	24 and under 25 years.	25 years and upwards.	Not reported.	Total.
1898	1,530			212	17,362	8,538	4,242	2,738	2,162	1,313	950	193	1,461	40,701 ‡
1899*	—			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42,660 ‡
1900*	—			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	49,260 ‡
1901*	—			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	47,039 ‡
1902	1,593			604	21,066	9,652	5,906	3,893	2,978	1,750	1,498	764	1,973	51,677 ‡
1st Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903	1,499†			156†	13,127†	5,852†	3,335†	2,160†	1,450†	1,099†	952†	1,338†	58†	31,026†‡
1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904	1,789			132	19,567	7,955	4,373	2,848	2,098	1,590	1,384	906	—	42,642 ‡
	Under 15 years.	15 and under 16 years.	16 and under 17 years.											
1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905	886	668	120	113	15,979	7,406	3,786	2,260	1,680	1,211	1,109	202	404	35,824
1st Oct., 1905, to 30th Sept., 1906	845	684	161	190	17,260	7,630	3,971	2,251	1,686	1,095	955	302	69	37,099
1st Oct. 1906, to 30th Sept. 1907	725	687	101	290	16,808	7,368	3,901	2,060	1,410	1,000	832	289	35	35,506

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War. † Figures for 9 months only. ‡ Includes re-enlisted men.

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TABLE 7—TRADES of men offering for enlistment.

(a) UNSKILLED LABOUR.

—		Command. Aldershot	Southern	Eastern	Irish	Scottish	Northern	Western	London District	Channel Islands	Totals.
Labourers— *Outdoor.*											
Agricultural, *i.e.* Farm Labourers	Inspections	131	1,253	1,820	1,361	687	735	351	336	9	6,683
	Rejections ...	37	297	500	374	112	187	104	99	1	1,711
Builders	Inspections	59	265	307	170	70	141	119	611	1	1,743
	Rejections ...	15	67	96	49	14	30	33	196	1	501
Plumbers	Inspections	—	7	23	—	—	11	—	18	—	59
	Rejections ...	—	3	11	—	—	2	—	2	—	18
Painters	Inspections	—	4	3	—	1	28	—	5	—	41
	Rejections ...	—	—	1	—	—	9	—	1	—	11
Workers in Clay, Sand, Gravel, &c	Inspections	6	210	192	47	24	132	67	215	12	905
	Rejections ...	5	76	58	18	4	29	24	81	5	300
Coalheavers (not Coal Miners)	Inspections	1	7	12	8	37	99	63	60	—	287
	Rejections ...	1	2	1	2	6	22	11	16	—	61
Engineers	Inspections	—	7	6	1	3	24	—	266	—	307
	Rejections ...	—	2	1	1	1	9	—	85	—	99
Cement Workers ...	Inspections	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3
	Rejections ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cooper	Inspections	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Railway Companies—											
Platelayers, &c.	Inspections	5	69	44	9	66	92	59	68	—	412
	Rejections ...	1	20	8	2	16	33	17	15	—	112
Contractors, Navvies, &c.	Inspections	4	43	18	3	14	27	9	33	—	151
	Rejections ..	3	11	6	1	3	6	1	6	—	37
Wharf and Dock	Inspections	1	63	57	101	33	184	57	194	1	691
	Rejections ...	—	7	14	22	8	42	33	47	1	174
Indoor Labourers, Factory—											
General	Inspections	1	172	60	44	17	161	71	172	1	699
	Rejections ...	—	55	9	15	6	49	20	56	—	210
Chemical	Inspections	—	—	—	—	—	3	14	18	—	35
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	3	5	9	—	17
Dyer	Inspections	—	—	—	—	—	20	—	—	—	20
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	10
Glass	Inspections	—	14	—	1	2	15	9	38	—	79
	Rejections ...	—	2	—	1	—	7	5	11	—	26
Leather	Inspections	—	8	294	—	—	214	2	2	—	520
	Rejections ...	—	3	89	—	—	75	1	1	—	169
Lead	Inspections	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Match	Inspections	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	13	—	16
	Rejections ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3
Metal	Inspections	4	279	15	9	14	470	103	103	—	997
	Rejections ...	—	75	3	1	5	149	38	34	—	305
Mill (General)	Inspections	—	5	19	1	2	38	—	3	—	68
	Rejections ...	—	1	4	—	—	12	—	—	—	17
Paint	Inspections	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Rubber	Inspections	—	4	—	—	—	9	—	2	—	15
	Rejections ...	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	4
Sugar	Inspections	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Textile	Inspections	—	44	4	58	185	113	145	—	—	549
	Rejections ...	—	10	2	14	46	26	47	—	—	145
Tinplate	Inspections	1	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
	Rejections ...	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Brass Moulder	Inspections	—	31	1	—	2	2	—	—	—	36
	Rejections ..	—	8	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	9
Ordnance and Arsenal ...	Inspections	—	1	3	—	1	—	—	41	—	46
	Rejections ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	10
Small Arms	Inspections	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Labourers—											
Smiths	Inspections	—	3	4	1	1	12	36	2	—	59
	Rejections ..	—	1	1	1	—	—	14	1	—	18
Firemen	Inspections	—	3	9	1	—	6	—	48	—	67
	Rejections ...	—	2	3	—	—	2	—	16	—	23
Gasworks	Inspections	—	—	10	—	1	2	—	4	—	17
	Rejections ...	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	4
Brewery	Inspections	—	3	7	2	6	15	—	13	—	46
	Rejections ...	—	—	2	1	3	6	—	1	—	13
Tannery	Inspections	—	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	5
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Printers	Inspections	1	3	10	—	—	7	10	239	—	270
	Rejections ...	—	3	3	—	—	5	4	105	—	120
General Casuals.											
(a) Town	Inspections	43	1,100	1,713	781	1,029	1,461	1,520	3,586	—	11,233
	Rejections ...	16	299	554	213	310	469	540	1,294	—	3,695
(b) Country	Inspections	24	195	514	173	350	216	107	271	1	1,851
	Rejections ...	7	44	162	53	37	62	30	73	—	468
Total	Inspections	281	3,810	5,145	2,772	2,545	4,238	2,742	6,363	25	27,921
	Rejections ...	85	991	1,531	768	572	1,248	927	2,164	8	8,294

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Table 7.—Trades of men offering for enlistment—*continued.*

(*b*) SKILLED LABOUR.

—		Command.									Total.
		Aldershot	Southern	Eastern	Irish	Scottish	Northern	Western	London District	Channel Islands	
General.											
Bricklayers	Inspections...	7	56	99	16	32	69	38	104	1	422
	Rejections ...	2	15	30	7	9	16	10	28	—	117
Carpenters	Inspections...	21	181	166	110	73	124	95	380	5	1,155
	Rejections ...	7	54	42	27	24	22	23	125	1	325
Plasterers	Inspections...	—	6	15	5	7	4	6	2	—	45
	Rejections ...	—	3	2	1	3	—	2	—	—	11
Plumbers	Inspections...	3	58	53	8	28	22	32	30	2	236
	Rejections ...	—	19	14	2	8	4	14	8	—	69
Painters	Inspections...	7	129	147	59	35	50	25	369	—	821
	Rejections ...	4	29	47	13	11	16	7	134	—	261
Polishers	Inspections...	—	12	8	1	3	7	—	41	—	72
	Rejections ...	—	4	2	—	1	2	—	15	—	24
Masons	Inspections...	—	24	18	19	62	25	36	46	—	230
	Rejections ...	—	3	5	3	15	4	12	16	—	58
Slaters	Inspections...	—	2	3	—	18	1	—	1	—	25
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	1	—	7
Barbers	Inspections...	1	2	3	1	12	4	—	—	—	23
	Rejections ...	—	—	1	—	3	1	—	—	—	5
Bakers	Inspections...	35	153	237	32	76	71	86	289	2	981
	Rejections ...	14	45	80	12	20	19	32	98	1	321
Butchers	Inspections...	20	158	213	34	81	99	92	329	1	1,027
	Rejections ...	6	35	52	10	20	19	40	119	1	302
Coopers	Inspections...	—	2	3	3	14	3	—	—	—	25
	Rejections ...	—	—	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	5
Cabinet Makers	Inspections...	—	12	3	2	7	3	—	35	1	63
	Rejections ...	—	5	1	1	3	1	—	10	1	22
Coachbuilders and Wheelwrights	Inspections...	—	16	14	4	1	19	4	—	1	59
	Rejections ...	—	1	4	1	1	9	—	—	—	16
Mechanics	Inspections...	—	7	1	17	20	15	2	27	—	89
	Rejections ...	—	4	—	5	3	3	1	9	—	25
Printers	Inspections...	3	39	65	12	49	19	21	9	1	218
	Rejections ...	2	14	25	4	22	8	8	4	1	88
Sawyers	Inspections...	—	6	5	2	6	6	4	—	—	29
	Rejections ...	—	1	1	1	1	2	3	—	—	9
Saddle and Harness Makers	Inspections...	—	15	9	7	3	8	7	2	—	51
	Rejections ...	—	4	2	1	—	3	4	—	—	14
Shoemakers...	Inspections...	8	67	160	70	62	63	76	267	—	773
	Rejections ...	3	19	61	14	16	19	27	88	—	247
Smiths and Farriers ...	Inspections...	24	190	155	86	76	120	154	371	3	1,179
	Rejections ...	5	60	45	28	17	31	40	122	1	349
Rivetters and Fitters ...	Inspections...	3	87	46	51	34	87	5	140	—	453
	Rejections ...	—	24	13	17	7	25	—	16	—	102
Upholsterers	Inspections...	—	4	2	—	1	—	1	4	—	12
	Rejections ...	—	2	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	6
Watchmakers and Jewellers	Inspections...	2	16	—	2	2	5	—	—	—	27
	Rejections ...	1	9	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	12
Tailors	Inspections...	6	72	48	106	47	69	45	132	1	526
	Rejections ...	1	25	20	34	14	19	22	43	1	179
Brewery	Inspections...	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	4
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Engineers	Inspections...	—	25	43	5	63	45	126	79	1	387
	Rejections ...	—	6	14	—	25	13	55	31	1	145
Engine Drivers	Inspections...	—	15	11	4	1	4	—	4	—	39
	Rejections ...	—	2	1	2	—	—	—	1	—	6
Firemen	Inspections...	—	2	3	1	9	2	—	—	—	17
	Rejections ...	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Gardeners	Inspections...	2	33	41	2	5	1	—	—	9	93
	Rejections ...	—	7	9	—	3	—	—	—	2	21
Shipwrights	Inspections...	—	4	1	1	—	3	—	—	—	9
	Rejections ...	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3
Tanners	Inspections...	—	1	1	1	—	2	1	—	—	6
	Rejections ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Smiths (Tin)	Inspections...	—	—	—	—	15	1	2	3	—	21
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	10	1	—	1	—	12
Skilled Labour—Various...	Inspections...	5	31	55	11	73	98	12	13	2	300
	Rejections ...	2	7	12	4	21	19	2	4	1	72
Miners—											
Coal	Inspections...	—	126	2	1	331	802	612	11	—	1,885
	Rejections ...	—	27	—	1	73	191	160	1	—	453
Various	Inspections...	2	9	6	1	5	5	—	—	—	28
	Rejections ...	1	4	2	—	1	2	—	—	—	10
Millers	Inspections...	—	7	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	9
	Rejections ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1

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Table 7.—Trades of men offering for enlistment—*continued.*

(*b*) Skilled Labour—*continued.*

—		Command.									Total.
		Aldershot	Southern	Eastern	Irish	Scottish	Northern	Western	London District	Channel Islands	
Indoor.											
Skilled Factory Workers—											
Various	Inspections...	—	116	53	34	104	89	76	58	—	530
	Rejections ...	—	38	17	7	27	24	31	22	—	166
Bootworks	Inspections...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Brushmakers	Inspections...	—	2	6	—	—	2	—	—	—	10
	Rejections ...	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Glass	Inspections...	—	—	4	2	7	3	3	1	—	20
	Rejections ...	—	—	2	1	—	—	2	—	—	5
Leather	Inspections...	—	1	1	—	—	2	—	4	—	8
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	—	5
Metal	Inspections...	2	119	19	27	99	403	85	17	—	771
	Rejections ...	—	33	5	7	30	118	21	5	—	219
Rubber	Inspections...	—	—	1	—	5	—	—	—	—	6
	Rejections ...	—	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	4
Textile	Inspections...	8	41	14	33	13	33	194	2	—	338
	Rejections ...	1	14	4	5	4	10	46	1	—	85
Total	Inspections...	159	1,846	1,735	772	1,480	2,389	1,840	2,771	30	13,022
	Rejections ...	49	518	519	209	406	605	563	906	11	3,786

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Table 7.—Trades of men offering for enlistment—*continued.*

(*c*) OCCUPATIONS CLASSIFIED SEPARATELY.

—		Command.									Total.
		Aldershot	Southern	Eastern	Irish	Scottish	Northern	Western	London District	Channel Islands	
Carmen and Carters (Town)	Inspections...	20	370	469	186	324	190	303	1,880	3	3,745
	Rejections ...	5	97	132	49	75	42	110	548	1	1,059
Costermongers and Hawkers	Inspections...	—	44	89	15	29	66	28	216	—	487
	Rejections ...	—	15	18	5	7	12	8	75	—	140
Fishermen	Inspections...	—	1	6	—	3	—	—	—	—	10
	Rejections ...	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Boatmen	Inspections...	1	10	27	10	—	4	40	—	—	92
	Rejections ...	—	3	2	2	—	—	18	—	—	25
Porters—											
General—Heavy... ...	Inspections...	3	67	111	101	5	15	3	855	2	1,162
	Rejections ...	—	13	34	35	1	7	—	263	1	354
,, Light	Inspections...	3	71	73	110	79	14	14	690	3	1,057
	Rejections ...	1	20	19	45	20	2	3	274	2	386
Telegraph Messengers and Postmen	Inspections...	9	20	40	18	19	17	8	53	2	186
	Rejections ...	7	9	9	5	4	6	—	21	—	61
Railway Porters	Inspections...	2	42	69	19	17	34	26	102	—	311
	Rejections ...	–	13	21	8	6	4	1	42	--	110
Ships' Stewards	Inspections...	1	1	1	—	7	3	—	5	—	18
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	3
Domestic Servants—											
Indoor	Inspections...	24	200	292	80	32	71	64	298	5	1,066
	Rejections ...	7	67	82	18	7	17	26	100	1	325
Outdoor	Inspections...	61	278	367	142	74	185	150	520	1	1,778
	Rejections ...	21	84	93	36	24	47	45	160	1	511
Tradesmen's Assistants—											
Indoor	Inspections...	61	215	305	148	161	158	165	765	3	1,981
	Rejections ...	18	50	95	42	62	39	57	258	—	621
Outdoor	Inspections...	6	72	134	8	32	48	12	333	—	645
	Rejections ...	2	21	35	1	7	11	3	118	—	198
Builder's Assistants ...	Inspections...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barmen and Cellarmen ...	Inspections...	1	23	20	16	28	11	18	315	—	432
	Rejections ...	1	3	5	4	6	6	9	115	—	149
Clerks	Inspections...	53	187	209	263	114	166	143	869	5	2,009
	Rejections ...	7	47	58	75	33	48	41	310	2	621
Various	Inspections...	15	62	30	10	14	22	76	22	3	254
	Rejections ...	4	12	6	3	5	4	30	8	—	72
Total	Inspections...	260	1,663	2,212	1,126	938	1,004	1,050	6,923	27	15,233
	Rejections ...	73	455	610	328	258	245	366	2,294	8	4,637

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Table 7.—Trades of men offering for enlistment—*continued.*

(*d*) Professional Occupations, Students, &c.

—		Command.									Total.
		Aldershot	Southern	Eastern	Irish	Scottish	Northern	Western	London District	Channel Islands	
Actors	Inspections...	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	3
	Rejections ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Chemists	Inspections...	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	3
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2
Dentists	Inspections...	—	1	1	—	2	—	2	—	—	6
	Rejections ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Draughtsmen	Inspections...	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Electricians...	Inspections...	—	—	—	5	—	—	1	—	—	6
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Engineers	Inspections...	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Farmers	Inspections...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Musicians	Inspections...	11	26	46	30	2	13	17	85	—	230
	Rejections ...	1	4	7	4	1	1	4	17	—	39
Photographers	Inspections...	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	10	—	12
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3
Policemen	Inspections...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Schoolmasters and Teachers	Inspections...	14	4	8	7	—	4	4	1	—	42
	Rejections ...	—	—	3	—	—	—	2	1	—	6
Students—											
Law	Inspections...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Medical	Inspections...	—	—	—	13	4	1	1	—	—	19
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	4	2	1	1	—	—	8
Various	Inspections...	2	—	2	2	3	4	—	2	—	15
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Surveyors	Inspections...	—	—	4	3	—	—	4	—	—	11
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Seamen	Inspections...	—	—	1	—	—	4	—	—	—	5
	Rejections ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Telegraphists	Inspections...	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	2
	Rejections ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Professional Occupations, various	Inspections...	2	2	2	—	1	7	6	15	—	35
	Rejections ...	—	—	1	—	1	1	1	5	—	9
Total	Inspections...	29	33	68	61	14	37	38	113	—	393
	Rejections ...	1	5	13	9	5	6	8	26	—	73

(*e*) Boys under 17 Years.

—		Command.									Total.
		Aldershot	Southern	Eastern	Irish	Scottish	Northern	Western	London District	Channel Islands	
Boys under 17 years ...	Inspections...	145	321	391	188	59	187	131	761	12	2,195
	Rejections ...	13	42	41	17	4	16	18	97	3	251

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Table 7.—Trades of men offering for enlistment—*continued.*

RECAPITULATION.

—	Inspections.	Rejections.
"*a*" Unskilled labour	27,921	8,294
"*b*" Skilled labour	13,022	3,786
"*c*" Occupations classified separately	15,233	4,637
"*d*" Professional occupations, students, &c. ...	393	73
"*e*" Boys under 17 years	2,195	251
TOTAL	58,764	17,041

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PART IV.—RE-ENGAGEMENTS, EXTENSIONS, PENSIONS, AND DESERTIONS.

TABLE 1.—RE-ENGAGEMENTS and EXTENSIONS of SERVICE of Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the several arms during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1907.

—	Re-engagements, to complete 21 years with the colours.					Extensions of Short Service. From 3 years to complete 6, 7, 8, or 9 years.§						From 7 years to complete 8 or 9 years.								To complete 12 years.										
	After 9 years' service.	After 10 years' service.	After 11 years' service.	After 12 years' service.	Total.	Under 1 year's service.	After 1 year's service.	After 2 years' service.	After 3 years' service.	After 4 years' service.	Total.	After 1 year's service.	After 2 years' service.	After 3 years' service.	After 4 years' service.	After 5 years' service.	After 6 years' service.	After 7 years' service.	Total.	After 1 year's service.	After 2 years' service.	After 3 years' service.	After 4 years' service.	After 5 years' service.	After 6 years' service.	After 7 years' service.	After 8 years' service.	After 9 years' service.	After 10 years' service.	Total.
Household Cavalry	4	—	6	6	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cavalry of the Line	44	44	124	36	248	—	1	38	3	—	42	—	3	1	—	1	1	1	7	—	1	1	3	18	196	260	9	—	—	488
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	43	36	241	15	335	123	408	407	7	—	945	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	4	8	23	135	396	15	—	—	583
Royal Garrison Artillery	33	23	211	8	280	—	14	206	3	—	223	—	—	—	—	2	4	—	6	—	—	—	5	7	86	288	9	—	—	395
Royal Engineers ...	22	11	109	—	142	12	111	88	—	—	211†	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	3	18	98	—	—	—	121
Foot Guards ...	16	6	22	—	44	186	146	140	8	—	480*	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	6	—	—	—	2	9	26	25	1	—	—	63
Infantry of the Line	264	218	1,194	162	1,838	30	39	1,370	169	6	1614‡†	3	4	—	1	7	4	1	20	4	6	4	14	84	379	1,350	193	6	—	2,040
Colonial Corps ...	5	6	14	1	26	—	—	104	—	—	104	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	5	10	115	5	11	157‖
Army Service Corps	33	10	34	—	77	2	105	32	—	—	139†	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	12	26	49	—	—	—	89
Royal Army Medical Corps	18	18	52	—	88	36	57	41	—	—	134	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	4	6	15	43	—	—	—	69
Army Ordnance Corps	24	4	13	—	41	10	14	3	—	—	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	4	13	8	—	—	—	28
Army Veterinary Corps	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	3	4	—	—	—	11
All Arms ...	508	381	2,020	228	3,137	399	895	2,429	190	6	3,919‡	4	9	1	1	10	12	6	43	6	10	12	41	178	902	2,531	342	11	11	4,044

* Includes 2 men extended to complete 4 years with the colours, and 12 men who have extended from 4 years to complete 7 years with the colours, viz., 4 after 2 years' and 8 after 3 years' service.

† Includes men enlisted for 2 years who extended their service to 7 years with the colours, viz., Royal Engineers, 38 after 1 year's service; Infantry, 8 under 1 year's service and 11 after 1 year's service; Army Service Corps, 1 under 1 year's service and 101 after 1 year's service. ‡ Includes 187 special extensions (with bounty abroad).

§ With a few exceptions the extensions in the Cavalry, Royal Engineers, Foot Guards, Infantry, and Army Service Corps are to complete 7 years; in the Royal Horse and Field Artillery 6 years; and in the Royal Garrison Artillery 8 years.

‖ In addition to these, 10 men extended their service from 6 years to complete 9 years after 5 years' service, and 44 from 5 years to complete 10 years, viz., 6 after 4 years and 38 after 5 years' service.

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TABLE 2.—RE-ENGAGEMENTS and EXTENSIONS of SERVICE of Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the Army in each year from 1898.

Year.	Re-engagements, to complete 21 years with the colours.					Men enlisted for short service who extended their engagement.																				
						To complete a period of 12 years.											To complete periods of less than 12 years.									
	After 9 years' service.	After 10 years' service.	After 11 years' service.	After 12 years' service.	Total.	Under 1 year's service.	After 1 year's service.	After 2 years' service.	After 3 years' service.	After 4 years' service.	After 5 years' service.	After 6 years' service.	After 7 years' service.	After 8 years' service.	After 9 years' service.	After 10 years' service.	Total.	Under 1 year's service.	After 1 year's service.	After 2 years' service.	After 3 years' service.	After 4 years' service.	After 5 years' service.	After 6 years' service.	After 7 years' service.	After 8 years' service.	Total.
1898...	454	477	2,050	—	2,981	3.232‡(a) 2,562*(b)											3,232‡(a) 2,562*(b)	1,574‡ (a) 739* (b)									1,574‡(a) 739*(b)
1899*	376*	415*	1,401*	—	2,192*																						
1900*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1903 (9 months) ...	267†	369†	1,925†	550†	3,121†	143†	107†	136†	325†	1,112†	1,284†			—	—	—	3,107†	1,153†	718†	486†	239†	62†	41†	96†	—	—	2,795† (c)
1st Oct., 1903, to 30th Sept., 1904	556	680	3,821	575	5,632	21	55	112	210	354	539	1,839	1,868	—	—	—	4,998	2,237	4,662	17,573	17,555	18,173	11,681	12,427	—	—	84,308 (d)
1st Oct., 1904, to 30th Sept., 1905	425	540	3,317	409	4,691	9	24	48	63	152	336	1,119	2,524	—	—	—	4,275	1,601	3,882	7,152	766	1,068	877	1,124	—	—	16,470 (e)
1st Oct., 1905, to 30th Sept., 1906	543	742	3,791	342	5,418	—	18	15	47	140	365	1,639	3,414	—	—	—	5,638	1,061	3,756	7,730	314	175	194	267	88	10	13,595 (f)
1st Oct., 1906, to 30th Sept., 1907	508	381	2,020	228	3,137	—	6	10	12	41	178	902	2,531	342	11	11	4,044	399	899	2,438	191	7	10	12	6	—	3,962 (g)

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

† Figures for 9 months only.

‡ A gratuity authorised to men of Foot Guards to extend their service with the Colours (Army Orders 1 and 36 of 1898).

(a) Including 552 special extensions (with bounty) abroad, and 198 extensions for two years under Army Order 23 of 1898.

(b) Including 55 special extensions (with bounty) abroad.

(c) Excluding 1,753 extensions in the Royal Garrison Regiment to complete 3, 4, or 5 years.

(d) This large number is due to the effect of "service pay." This came into operation on 1st April, 1904, and could be drawn by men of 2 years' service on condition that they were serving on an engagement (extended or otherwise) of not less than 8 years with the Colours. The greater portion of the extensions were among men who were serving on a 7 years' colour engagement. This number is exclusive of 1,741 extensions in the Royal Garrison Regiment to complete periods of from 3 to 7 years.

(e) This number is exclusive of 275 extensions in the Royal Garrison Regiment to complete various periods.

(f) Including 2,866 special extensions (with bounty) abroad.

(g) Including 187 special extensions (with bounty) abroad.

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RE-ENGAGEMENTS, EXTENSIONS, PENSIONS, AND DESERTIONS.

TABLE 3.—THE NUMBER of PENSIONS granted during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1907, and the number of Men discharged from the regimental strength of each arm of the Service.

--	* Total Number of Men Discharged from the Colours.	Pensions granted.					
		Permanent Pensions.					Temporary Pensions. (Invalid.)
		To men discharged from the Regular Forces.		To men discharged from the Permanent Staff of Auxiliary Forces, Unattached List, &c.		Total.	
		Service Pensions.	Invalid Pensions.	Service Pensions	Invalid Pensions.		
Household Cavalry ..	98	26	4	1	—	31	11
Cavalry of the Line ..	1,273	138	27	19	1	185	144
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	1,435	310	38	19	—	367	133
Royal Garrison Artillery	1,214	313	34	240	6	593	99
Royal Engineers ..	451	†248	13	57	—	318	25
Foot Guards.. ..	476	44	7	6	—	57	30
Infantry of the Line ..	9,133	1,861	314	550	8	2,733	692
Colonial Corps ..	969	29	14	—	—	43	168
Army Service Corps ..	303	100	10	—	—	110	18
Royal Army Medical Corps	225	63	8	1	—	72	4
Army Ordnance Corps	69	35	3	—	—	38	10
Army Veterinary Corps	11	3	—	—	—	3	3
Army Post Office Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms.. ..	* 15,657	†3,170	472	893	15	4,550	1,337

In addition to the above, the following men, discharged from other than regimental establishments, were granted pensions as follows:—

	Permanent.		
Military Provost Staff	4	21	.. Temporary—Nil.
Corps of Army Schoolmasters	6		
School of Musketry	1		
Royal Military College	1		
Army Pay Corps	9		

*The numbers in this column do not include men discharged from Permanent Staff of Auxiliary Forces, Unattached List, &c. For details as to causes of discharge see the Table on pages 32 and 33.

†The Service Pensions include the following "on reduction":—Royal Engineers, 10.

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RE-ENGAGEMENTS, EXTENSIONS, PENSIONS, AND DESERTIONS.

TABLE 4.—THE NUMBER of PENSIONS granted, whether permanent or temporary, and the number of Men discharged during each year from 1898.

During	* Number of Men discharged from the Colours.	Pensions granted. †		
		Permanent.		Temporary. (Invalid.)
1898	12,983	1,678		1,095
1899	12,605	1,676		1,356
1900	15,169	725		3,452
1901	70,823	1,523		9,722
1902	80,090	2,530		10,345
1st January to 30th September, 1903	24,198‡	2,113‡		2,775‡
Years ending—				
30th September, 1904	21,407	2,278		2,914
30th September, 1905	19,705	3,178§		2,126
		Service.	Invalid.	
30th September, 1906	17,676	3,117	355	1,238
30th September, 1907	15,657	4,063	487	1,337

* The numbers in this column do not include men discharged from the Permanent Staff of Auxiliary Forces, Unattached List, &c.

For details as to causes of discharge see tables pages 32 and 33.

† These numbers include pensions granted to men on discharge from the Permanent Staff of Auxiliary Forces, Unattached List, &c., but not those granted to men serving in miscellaneous Establishments (Military Prison Staff, &c.).

‡ Figures for nine months only.

§ Including 630 pensions awarded to men of the Royal Garrison Regiment on reduction.

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TABLE 5.—NUMBER of men struck off as Deserters from the regimental strength of each Arm of the Service during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1907, showing the services of the men, also the number who rejoined from desertion, and the net loss from desertion.

—	Services of Men struck off.									Total struck off.	* Rejoined from Desertion.	* Net loss from Desertion.
	Under 3 months.	3 to 6 months.	6 to 12 months.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	Over 5 years.	Not stated.			
Household Cavalry	—	—	4	4	3	—	—	—	—	11	2	9
Cavalry of the Line	94	65	73	63	10	12	9	28	—	354	174	180
Royal Horse and Field Artillery..	50	49	29	54	10	8	7	16	—	223	122	101
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	12	18	25	16	20	9	10	18	—	128	58	70
Royal Engineers	6	4	4	3	1	3	—	8	—	29	11	18
Foot Guards	15	10	13	37	29	9	5	15	—	133	78	55
Infantry of the Line	499	318	423	458	173	88	48	97	—	2,104	1,143	961
Colonial Corps	5	1	7	5	2	2	3	7	—	32	18	14
Army Service Corps	11	4	10	7	2	1	3	12	—	50	28	22
Royal Army Medical Corps ..	3	3	4	2	—	1	4	4	—	21	13	8
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	1	—	4	—	4
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	2
All Arms	695	472	592	650	250	134	90	208	—	3,091	1,647	1,444

* The numbers rejoined from desertion do not include deserters who, having fraudulently enlisted in other than their original corps, were on discovery held to serve in their new corps. If these were taken into consideration, the net loss from desertion would be reduced.

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TABLE 6.—SERVICES OF MEN STRUCK OFF AS DESERTERS, and net loss from Desertion showing proportions to 1,000 men of the average strength, in each year from 1898.

Year.	Services of Men struck off as Deserters.									Total struck off.	Proportion of Men struck off to 1,000 of Average Strength.	Rejoined from Desertion.	Net Loss from Desertion.	Proportion of Net Loss to 1,000 Men of Average Strength.
	Under 3 months.	3 to 6 months.	6 to 12 months.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	Over 5 years.	Service not stated.					
1898	1,302	712	873	626	513				48	4,074	18·81	1,934	2,140	9·88
1899*	—	—	—	—	—				—	4,504	19·42	2,022	2,482	10·70
1900*	—	—	—	—	—				—	6,378	16·98	2,438	3,940	10·49
1901*	—	—	—	—	—				—	7,686	19·24	2,689	4,997	12·51
1902	2,317	1,227	1,303	795	1,063				457	7,162	19·79	2,839	4,323	11·95
1st Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903..	1,120†	723†	843†	803†	1,138†				2†	4,629†	15·96†	2,212†	2,417†	8·33†
Years ending—														
30th Sept., 1904	921	547	680	768	968				75	3,959	14·27	2,673	1,286	4·64
30th Sept., 1905	801	418	515	527	304	197	130	168	22	3,082	11·80	2,189	893	3·42
30th Sept., 1906	773	430	593	433	238	112	119	213	61	2,977	11·88	1,724	1,253	5·00
30th Sept., 1907	695	472	592	650	250	134	90	208	—	3,091	12·97	1,647	1,444	6·06

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War. † Figures for 9 months only.

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PART V.—RELIEFS AND REINFORCEMENTS.

TABLE 1.—DETAILS of TROOPS embarked for India during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1907, showing the Ages of Men composing Detachments.

	Number of Units.	No. of N.C.O.'s and Men.		Detachments (Ages).									Total Units and Detachments.
		In Units.	In Detachments.	Under 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	21 to 22 years.	22 to 24 years.	24 to 26 years.	26 to 30 years.	Over 30 years.	
From Home—													
Cavalry of the Line	—	—	973	23	1	18	412	237	167	69	36	10	973
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	901	3	—	8	215	165	238	101	89	82	901
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	817	5	—	—	182	149	186	118	80	97	817
Infantry of the Line	1	393	11,054	243	6	148	6,041	1,804	1,483	617	344	368	11,447
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	43	—	—	—	1	—	6	4	10	22	43
Total	—	393	13,788	274	7	174	6,851	2,355	2,080	909	559	579	14,181
From the Colonies and Egypt—													
Cavalry of the Line	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	6	506	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	507
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	4	3	9
Infantry of the Line	*3	1,807	1,565	2	—	27	573	276	411	134	102	40	3,372
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
Total	—	2,313	1,577	2	—	27	573	276	413	134	108	44	3,890
Total—													
Cavalry of the Line	—	—	973	23	1	18	412	237	167	69	36	10	973
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	6	506	902	3	—	8	215	165	238	101	89	83	1,408
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	826	5	—	—	182	149	188	118	84	100	826
Infantry of the Line	4	2,200	12,619	245	6	175	6,614	2,080	1,894	751	446	408	14,819
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	45	—	—	—	1	—	6	4	12	22	45
General total	—	2,706	15,365	276	7	201	7,424	2,631	2,493	1,043	667	623	18,071

* Two of the Infantry Battalions were taken on the Strength in India from the date of *Disembarkation*, and the remaining Infantry unit from the date of *Embarkation*.

showing Ages of Men in Detachments.

—	Number of Units.	No. of N.C.O.'s and Men. In Units.	In Detachments.	Detachments (Ages). Under 18 years.	18—19 years.	19—20 years.	20—21 years.	21—22 years.	22—24 years.	24—26 years.	26—30 years.	Over 30 years.	Total Units and Detachments.
*From India—													
Cavalry of the Line	1	575	26	—	—	—	—	—	9	10	4	3	601
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infantry of the Line	2	1,460	200	—	—	—	—	4	63	85	39	9	1,660
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	3
Total	—	2,035	229	—	—	—	—	4	72	96	43	14	2,264
From Home—													
Cavalry of the Line	—	—	600	18	8	118	196	94	91	49	15	11	600
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	2	265	272	1	22	100	56	24	26	28	11	4	537
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	1,834	20	125	358	230	112	217	197	252	323	1,834
Royal Engineers	—	—	1,103	23	1	38	53	62	194	177	260	295	1,103
Foot Guards	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	3
Infantry of the Line	4	2,666	3,726	86	677	995	636	301	412	282	222	115	6,392
Army Service Corps	—	—	147	1	—	—	15	29	34	23	32	13	147
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	250	—	5	42	42	30	49	17	37	28	250
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	214	2	—	16	11	11	56	28	44	46	214
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	51	—	—	—	—	3	14	13	12	9	51
Total	—	2,931	8,200	151	838	1,667	1,239	666	1,093	814	887	845	11,131
Total—													
Cavalry of the Line	1	575	626	18	8	118	196	94	100	59	19	14	1,201
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	2	265	272	1	22	100	56	24	26	28	11	4	537
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	1,834	20	125	358	230	112	217	197	252	323	1,834
Royal Engineers	—	—	1,103	23	1	38	53	62	194	177	260	295	1,103
Foot Guards	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	3
Infantry of the Line	6	4,126	3,926	86	677	995	636	305	475	367	261	124	8,052
Army Service Corps	—	—	147	1	—	—	15	29	34	23	32	13	147
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	250	—	5	42	42	30	49	17	37	28	250
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	217	2	—	16	11	11	56	29	44	48	217
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	51	—	—	—	—	3	14	13	12	9	51
General Total	—	4,966	8,429	151	838	1,667	1,239	670	1,165	910	930	859	13,395

* In the case of troops from India the numbers accounted for are those *taken on the strength* of the Colonies from the Indian Establishment during the above period. The Cavalry regiment from India was taken on the strength in South Africa from the date of *disembarkation*, and the Infantry battalions from date of *embarkation*.

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TABLE 3.—DETAILS of TROOPS disembarked at Home from service abroad during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1907.

—	Number of Units.	No. of N.C.O.'s and Men.		Details of Detachments.						Total Units and Detachments.
		In Units.	In Detachments.	Invalids.	Time Expired.	To Join Army Reserve.	To Join Home Establishment.	Soldiers under Sentence.	Other Causes.	
From India—										
Cavalry of the Line	—	—	645	198	53	328	42	7	17	645
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	6	439	1,326	328	90	451	403	1	53	1,765
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	1,076	201	97	393	356	3	26	1,076
Infantry of the Line	3	1,300	10,885	1,273	1,247	6,677	1,356	152	180	12,185
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	23	7	2	—	13	—	1	23
Total	—	1,739	13,955	2,007	1,489	7,849	2,170	163	277	15,694
From the Colonies and Egypt—										
Cavalry of the Line	—	—	342	46	38	109	111	5	33	342
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	499	23	19	362	71	—	24	499
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	2,020	123	45	585	1,196	8	63	2,020
Royal Engineers	1	92	1,072	37	12	27	976	—	20	1,164
Foot Guards	—	—	16	11	—	—	—	—	5	16
Infantry of the Line	10	4,924	4,600	348	316	2,283	1,437	93	123	9,524
Army Service Corps	1	29	176	16	5	—	145	1	9	205
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	303	27	7	1	249	—	19	303
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	236	12	3	1	219	—	1	236
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	31	—	2	1	28	—	—	31
Total	—	5,045	9,295	643	447	3,369	4,432	107	297	14,340
Total—										
Cavalry of the Line	—	—	987	244	91	437	153	12	50	987
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	6	439	1,825	351	109	813	474	1	77	2,264
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	3,096	324	142	978	1,552	11	89	3,096
Royal Engineers	1	92	1,072	37	12	27	976	—	20	1,164
Foot Guards	—	—	16	11	—	—	—	—	5	16
Infantry of the Line	13	6,224	15,485	1,621	1,563	8,960	2,793	245	303	21,709
Army Service Corps	1	29	176	16	5	—	145	1	9	205
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	303	27	7	1	249	—	19	303
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	259	19	5	1	232	—	2	259
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	31	—	2	1	28	—	—	31
General Total	—	6,784	23,250	2,650	1,936	11,218	6,602	270	574	30,034

PART VI.—PUNISHMENTS AND REWARDS.

TABLE 1.—NUMBER OF COURTS-MARTIAL on Non-Commissioned Officers and men on the regimental strength of the Army held during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1907, showing the OFFENCES for which the men were convicted, and the Punishments inflicted, in each arm of the service, at home and abroad.

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TABLE 1.

(*a*) Courts-Martial and Offences.

—	At Home.												Abroad.												General Total.
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Veterinary Corps.	All Arms.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Colonial Corps.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Veterinary Corps.	All Arms.	
Number of Convictions by Courts-Martial	5	364	466	149	54	327	2,693	132	31	3	1	4,228	137	178	204	25	16	2,350	40	13	10	1	1	2,975	7,203
OFFENCES FOR WHICH CONVICTED.																									
Offences in relation to the Enemy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mutiny	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	4	10
Desertion	1	118	128	40	10	74	1,057	27	7	—	—	1,462	9	4	9	1	—	121	—	—	—	—	—	144	1,606
Fraudulent Enlistment ...	1	21	22	7	—	2	128	4	2	—	—	187	3	—	2	—	—	19	—	—	—	—	—	24	211
Offences in relation to enlistment	—	32	105	12	3	28	168	6	3	—	—	357	8	—	10	—	3	52	1	—	—	—	—	74	431
Violence and disobedience to Superiors	—	31	97	22	13	31	269	30	5	1	—	499	27	46	52	4	6	565	—	2	1	—	—	703	1,202
Minor Insubordination and neglect of orders ...	1	67	108	24	6	116	355	15	6	—	—	698	36	19	48	4	4	629	19	3	2	1	—	765	1,463
Quitting or Sleeping on Post	1	13	18	4	4	4	8	1	1	—	—	54	7	3	7	1	—	55	2	—	—	—	—	75	129
Drunk on Duty	—	3	19	4	2	13	87	7	2	—	—	137	6	14	14	8	—	155	—	1	1	—	—	199	336
Drunkenness	1	9	28	16	6	28	231	15	4	—	—	338	14	17	47	4	1	457	2	3	2	2	—	549	887
Disgraceful Conduct ...	—	14	4	2	5	6	181	20	6	—	—	238	9	5	5	1	—	120	7	—	3	—	—	150	388
Absence without Leave ...	—	91	60	19	8	39	263	21	5	—	—	506	20	14	19	1	1	227	6	3	1	—	1	293	799
Loss of Equipment, Clothing, and Necessaries	—	122	99	22	12	83	808	36	7	—	—	1,189	11	5	16	1	4	197	—	—	—	—	—	234	1,423
Wilfully injuring public property or equipment	—	3	5	2	1	15	88	1	1	—	—	116	—	—	11	—	—	125	—	1	—	—	—	137	253
Civil offences	—	13	39	12	2	1	71	—	1	1	—	140	8	10	12	—	1	83	2	—	—	—	—	116	256
Miscellaneous...	—	16	46	5	7	12	150	15	2	1	1	255	6	39	15	3	1	243	2	8	2	—	—	319	574
Total of Offences ...	5	553	778	191	79	458	3,864	198	52	3	1	6,182	164	178	267	28	21	3,048	43	21	12	3	1	3,786	9,968

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TABLE 1—*continued.*

(*b*) Trials resulting in Acquittals, Pardons, &c.

Number of Trials resulting in Acquittal ...	1	—	23	4	1	1	7	9	—	—	—	46	—	20	5	3	—	7	7	2	1	—	—	45	91
Pardoned	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sentence wholly remitted..	—	2	6	1	—	1	4	2	—	—	—	16	2	1	—	1	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	12	28
Sentence quashed	—	2	1	3	4	6	27	6	—	—	—	49	3	—	5	—	—	13	1	—	1	1	—	24	73
	—	4	7	4	4	7	31	8	—	—	—	65	5	1	5	1	—	21	1	—	1	1	—	36	101

(*c*) Punishments inflicted.

Death	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Penal Servitude	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	5	5
Reduction to a lower grade or to the Ranks	1	30	55	22	15	20	269	33	9	—	1	455	25	35	31	6	1	249	5	6	2	—	1	361	816
Reduction and Imprisonment...	—	—	1	2	—	—	5	—	1	1	—	10	—	1	2	—	1	4	1	—	—	—	—	9	19
Reduction and Detention ...	—	1	—	1	—	1	5	—	1	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	12
Summary Punishment under Sec. 44 (para. 5) Army Act	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stoppages, Fine or Forfeiture, without other punishment... ...	—	1	—	—	1	1	5	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	1	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	7	15
Imprisonment with or without Hard Labour	—	42	49	17	3	19	313	13	5	2	—	463	33	52	40	5	5	510	16	1	2	—	—	664	1,127
Detention	4	286	354	103	31	279	2,065	78	18	—	—	3,218	74	89	124	13	9	1,555	15	6	5	—	—	1,890	5,108
Discharged with ignominy without other punishment ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total of Punishments inflicted ...	5	360	459	145	50	320	2,662	124	34	3	1	4,163	132	177	199	24	16	2,329	39	13	9	—	1	2,939	7,102

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TABLE 2.—COURTS-MARTIAL, OFFENCES, and PUNISHMENTS, in each year from 1898.

(*a*) Courts-Martial and Offences.

	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1st. Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903	Years ending 30th Sept. 1904	30th Sept. 1905.	30th Sept. 1906.	30th Sept. 1907.
Number of Courts-Martial	9,676	*	*	*	15,009	10,747§	12,017	9,970	8,125	7,294
Percentage to average strength during year† ..	4·47	—	—	—	4·25	3·84§	4·50	3·82	3·24	3·06
OFFENCES.										
Offences in relation to the enemy	5	—	—	—	12	1§	—	1	—	—
Mutiny	—	—	—	—	13	24§	—	—	—	10‖
Desertion	1,819	—	—	—	2,830	2,212§	2,617	2,059	1,692	1,606‖
Fraudulent enlistment	381	—	—	—	586	421§	370	309	243	211‖
Offences in relation to enlistment	509	—	—	—	422	358§	394	356	354	431‖
Violence and disobedience to Superiors ..	1,807	—	—	—	2,686	2,098§	2,254	1,958	1,499	1,202‖
Minor insubordination and neglect of orders ..	2,198	—	—	—	3,431	1,922§	1,916	1,789	1,641	1,463‖
Quitting or sleeping on Post	197	—	—	—	571	246§	238	204	145	129‖
Drunk on Duty	811	—	—	—	1,446	624§	698	623	470	336‖
Drunkenness	973	—	—	—	1,319	920§	1,065	1,124	911	887‖
Disgraceful conduct	773	—	—	—	915	481§	453	456	309	388‖
Absence without leave	1,296	—	—	—	1,818	1,391§	1,381	1,250	978	799‖
Loss of equipment, clothing, and necessaries ..	2,239	—	—	—	2,564	1,789§	1,928	1,838	1,291	1,423‖
Wilfully injuring public property or equipment	1,036	—	—	—	1,027	2,861§	3,068	88	186	253‖
Civil offences								213	439	256‖
Miscellaneous								1,368	895	574‖
Total of Offences	14,044	*	*	*	19,610	15,348§	16,382	13,636	11,053	9,968‖

* Information incomplete owing to South African War. † The average strength taken does not include borrowed native troops.
§ Figures for 9 months only. ‖ In this year only the offences for which men were convicted are shewn; in previous years the offences for which they were charged were shewn.

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TABLE 2—*continued.*

(*b*) Acquittals, Pardons, &c.

Acquitted	284	*	*	*	309	248§	338	297	273	91
Pardoned, Sentence wholly remitted, or Sentence quashed	169	*	*	*	267	181§	175	156	133	101
	453	*	*	*	576	429§	513	453	406	192

(*c*) Punishments inflicted.

Death	1	—	—	—	4	—	—	2	—	—
Penal Servitude	8	—	—	—	90	29§	13	12	7	5
Reduction to a lower grade or to the Ranks ..	1,188	—	—	—	1,182	1,034§	1,198	1,099	874	816
Reduction and Imprisonment .. .. / Reduction and Detention†	85	—	—	—	214	91§	86	200	33 / 6	19 / 12
Summary Punishment under sec. 44 (para. 5), Army Act..	1	—	—	—	222	5§	—	—	—	—
Stoppages, Fine or Forfeiture, without other punishment	32	—	—	—	115	54§	63	75	55	15
Imprisonment with or without Hard Labour / Detention†	7,908	—	—	—	12,565	9,073§	10,144	8,129	5,255 / 1,487	1,127 / 5,108
Discharged with ignominy without other punishment	—	—	—	—	41	32§	—	—	2	—
Total of Punishments inflicted	9,223	*	*	*	14,433	10,318§	11,504	9,517	7,719	7,102

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War. § Figures for 9 months only.
† Punishment by "Detention" was introduced by Special Army Order dated 26th April, 1906.

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PUNISHMENTS AND REWARDS.

TABLE 3.—NUMBER of MEN on the regimental strength of the Army tried by COURT-MARTIAL, and the total number of trials, in each year from 1898.

YEAR.	Number of men tried.							Number of trials.	Percentage of men tried to average strength.‡
	Once.	Twice.	Three times.	Four times.	Five times.	Total. Men.			
1898	7,859	737	90	17	1	8,704		9,676	4·02
1899*	—	—	—	—	—	—		—	—
1900*	—	—	—	—	—	—		—	—
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—		—	—
1902	10,930	1,540	230	61	1	12,822		15,009	3·63
1st Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903 ..	8,874†	761†	101†	12†	—	9,748†		10,747†	3·48†
Years ending—30th Sept., 1904 ..	9,703	885	154	18	2	10,762		12,017	4·03
30th Sept., 1905 ..	8,062	771	95	19	1	8,948		9,970	3·43
30th Sept., 1906 ..	6,619	585	89	16	1	7,310		8,125	2·92
	Number of men convicted.						Trials resulting in acquittal.		
30th Sept., 1907‖ ..	5,895	528	72	9	—	6,504	91	7,294	§2·73

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.
† Figures for 9 months only.
‡ The average strength taken does not include borrowed native troops.
‖ In this year only the men convicted are shewn; the figures for previous years include the men tried and acquitted.
§ Percentage of men *convicted* to average strength.

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PUNISHMENTS AND REWARDS.

TABLE 4.—Number of GENERAL, DISTRICT, and REGIMENTAL COURTS-MARTIAL held on men on the regimental strength of the Army at home and abroad, from 1898.

Years.	Number of Courts-Martial.								
	General.		District.		Regimental.		Total.		Total.
							Home.	Abroad.	
1898 ..	16		7,456		2,204		5,463	4,213	9,676
1899* ..	—		—		—		—	—	—
1900* ..	—		—		—		—	—	—
1901* ..	—		—		—		—	—	—
1902 ..	3,480		7,887		3,642		7,479	7,530	15,009
1st Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903 ..	61†		8,729†		1,957†		6,054†	4,693†	10,747†
Years ending— 30th Sept., 1904 ..	53		9,575		2,389		6,808	5,209	12,017
	Home.	Abroad.	Home.	Abroad.	Home.	Abroad.			
30th Sept., 1905 ..	6	26	4,661	3,199	1,041	1,031	5,714	4,256	9,970
30th Sept., 1906 ..	—	17	3,822	2,591	764	931	4,586	3,539	8,125
30th Sept., 1907 ..	—	7	3,754	2,319	520	694	4,274	3,020	7,294

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.
† Figures for 9 months only.

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TABLE 5.—NUMBER of MEN on the regimental strength of the Army FINED for DRUNKENNESS, and the NUMBER of FINES inflicted, during the 12 months ending 30th September, 1907.

—	Number of Men Fined.											Number of Fines inflicted.
	Once.	Twice.	3 times.	4 times.	5 times.	6 times.	7 times.	8 times.	9 times.	10 times.	Total.	
Household Cavalry	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Cavalry of the Line	256	42	15	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	315	393
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	627	94	19	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	744	888
Royal Garrison Artillery	900	278	83	26	11	3	2	—	—	—	1,303	1,806
Royal Engineers	161	17	9	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	188	226
Foot Guards	270	67	32	7	5	1	—	—	—	—	382	559
Infantry of the Line	7,307	2,335	960	492	237	82	27	16	5	2	11,463	18,884
Colonial Corps	7	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	14
Army Service Corps	89	28	7	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	127	178
Royal Army Medical Corps	99	15	5	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	121	155
Army Ordnance Corps	15	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	17
Army Veterinary Corps	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
All Arms	9,733	2,879	1,131	536	253	86	30	16	5	2	14,671*	23,212*

* By an amendment to Para. 477 King's Regulations issued with A.O. 36 of 1907, a soldier became liable to a fine for a second instance of drunkenness during his service. Previously, in the first two instances, no fine was inflicted.

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TABLE 6.—NUMBER of MEN on the regimental strength of the Army FINED for DRUNKENNESS, and the NUMBER of FINES inflicted, in each year from 1898.

YEAR.	NUMBER OF MEN FINED.													Number of Fines inflicted.	Percentage of Men Fined to average strength.‡	YEAR.
	Once.	Twice.	3 times.	4 times.	5 times.	6 times.	7 times.	8 times.	9 times.	10 times.	11 times.	12 times.	Total.			
1898	7,770	3,352	1,600	756	382	177	79	33	9	4	1	2	14,165	26,243	6·54	1898
1899*	1,053*	408*	134*	54*	30*	4*	4*	1*	1*	—	—	—	1,689*	2,706*	*	1899*
1900*	2,277*	809*	379*	149*	52*	31*	7*	5*	1*	1*	—	—	3,711*	6,182*	*	1900*
1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*	1901*
1902	9,756	3,471	1,606	833	374	158	73	15	5	1	—	—	16,292	28,352	4·62	1902
1st January to 30th September, 1903	6,725†	2,550†	997†	417†	183†	72†	19†	4†	2†	—	—	—	10,969†	18,014†	3·92†	1903†
Years ending— 30th Sept., 1904..	7,835	2,968	1,455	716	326	149	50	27	8	2	1	—	13,537	24,193	5·07	1903-4
30th Sept., 1905..	7,647	2,794	1,302	605	284	119	38	14	3	1	1	—	12,808	22,121	4·90	1904-5
30th Sept., 1906..	6,761	2,508	1,140	494	259	114	42	17	3	1	—	—	11,339	19,619	4·52	1905-6
30th Sept., 1907..	9,733	2,879	1,131	536	253	86	30	16	5	2	—	—	14,671‖	23,212‖	6·16‖	1906-7

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.
‡ The average strength taken does not include borrowed native troops.
† Figures for nine months only.
‖ *See* footnote on the previous page.

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TABLE 7.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the number of men on the regimental strength of the Army in possession of GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS, in each year from 1899.

Date.	Warrant Officers.†	Serjeants.	Corporals and Bombardiers	Trumpeters, Drummers, and Privates.	Total.	Year.
1899, 1st January ..	†	986	76	513	1,575	1899
1900,* " ..	*	*	*	*	*	1900*
1901,* " ..	*	*	*	*	*	1901*
1902,* " ..	*	*	*	*	*	1902*
1903, " ..	†	1,001	86	570	1,657	1903
1903, 1st October ..	628†	875	94	439	2,036	1903
1904, " ..	652†	1,009	88	482	2,231	1904
1905, " ..	689†	1,135	101	554	2,479	1905
1906, " ..	732†	1,178	92	627	2,629	1906
1907, " ..	710†	1,227	90	629	2,656	1907

N.B.—The Good Conduct Medal is awarded to Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and men with not less than 18 years' service with an irreproachable character.

Warrant Officers, who were first granted the medal under the Royal Warrant of 12th June, 1902 (Army Order 155 of 1902), are not entitled to a gratuity, but a gratuity is now given on discharge to men of all other ranks in possession of the medal.

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

† The figures for Warrant Officers include those who received the medal before promotion to warrant rank. Statistics as to Warrant Officers in the same position prior to 1st October, 1903, are not available.

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TABLE 8.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the number of Trumpeters, Drummers, Buglers, and Privates on the regimental strength of the Army in possession of GOOD CONDUCT BADGES in each year from 1899.

Date.	Men with One Badge.	Men with Two Badges.	Men with Three Badges.	Men with Four Badges.	Men with Five Badges.	Men with Six Badges.	Total Men in possession of badges.	Percentage of men in possession of badges to strength.†	Year.
1899, 1st January	70,071	29,335	3,279	1,363	140	121	104,309	54·08	1899
1900,* ,,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*	1900*
1901,* ,,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*	1901*
1902,* ,,	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*	1902*
1903, ,,	67,621	39,461	4,389	1,754	235	121	113,581	50·29	1903
1903, 1st October	71,539	32,879	4,309	1,723	218	89	110,757	47·92	1903
1904, ,,	69,421	38,862	5,990	1,943	251	78	116,545	50·63	1904
1905, ,,	62,389	42,704	6,705	1,991	270	72	114,131	52·77	1905
1906, ,,	60,496	46,773	7,440	2,078	319	75	117,181	54·92	1906
1907, ,,	50,747	42,939	6,549	1,729	274	73	102,311‡	51·63	1907

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War. † The strength taken does not include borrowed native troops.

‡ By Army Order 36 of 1907 the following were made regimental entries (entailing forfeiture of badges), whereas they were previously company entries only:—Deprivation of lance stripe; severe reprimand; every instance of drunkenness (instead of only those cases in which a fine of 5*s.* or upwards was inflicted).

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PART VII.—SERVICES AND AGES.

TABLE 1.—PAST SERVICES (irrespective of their terms of engagement) of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the several Arms at Home, in the Colonies, and in India, on the 1st October, 1907.

—	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 6 years.	6 to 7 years.	7 to 8 years.	8 to 9 years.	9 to 10 years.	10 to 11 years.	11 to 12 years.	12 to 13 years.	13 to 14 years.	14 to 15 years.	15 to 16 years.	16 to 17 years.	17 to 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	Over 21 years.	Not included.	TOTAL.
AT HOME.																								
Household Cavalry	72	130	95	81	63	83	104	149	53	52	49	37	27	21	26	30	32	30	37	23	29	9	—	1,232
Cavalry of the Line	1,534	1,455	928	172	215	878	1,057	897	182	178	149	136	92	126	110	140	96	76	67	77	53	44	—	8,662
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	3,038	3,319	2,901	512	737	1,261	1,211	1,324	273	375	354	299	243	305	258	262	228	244	278	156	95	67	—	17,740
Royal Garrison Artillery ...	1,404	580	677	435	390	324	427	499	248	371	318	319	225	224	255	169	140	148	132	140	128	108	—	7,691
Royal Engineers	468	908	419	308	260	332	534	470	199	175	113	159	119	117	100	114	115	134	123	114	152	54	—	5,517
Foot Guards	1,191	1,278	1,339	483	386	319	451	258	129	130	103	46	62	44	37	65	52	43	42	20	30	35	—	6,525
Infantry of the Line	20,204	9,297	4,702	2,682	2,063	1,761	2,157	2,291	1,080	1,443	1,277	1,120	850	1,146	1,200	1,134	619	617	488	437	403	347	—	57,318
Army Service Corps	779	1,101	334	325	409	372	424	349	164	128	118	129	66	73	96	101	87	61	73	64	52	14	—	5,322
Royal Army Medical Corps ...	417	367	308	94	226	241	239	249	96	80	49	58	40	50	70	74	58	42	51	20	41	74	—	2,944
Army Ordnance Corps... ...	180	192	65	65	53	121	226	119	60	42	44	42	41	29	39	31	20	21	25	24	17	2	—	1,458
Army Veterinary Corps ...	—	—	3	2	6	24	18	24	6	4	2	5	3	2	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	104
All Arms	29,287	18,630	11,762	5,159	4,808	5,707	6,848	6,629	2,490	2,978	2,606	2,350	1,768	2,167	2,191	2,122	1,447	1,417	1,317	1,075	1,000	755	—	114,513
IN THE COLONIES, EGYPT AND CRETE.																								
Cavalry of the Line	255	492	192	63	136	681	735	650	117	98	116	84	47	61	61	75	40	27	22	14	14	9	—	4,022
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	87	210	374	107	173	288	238	394	36	33	17	20	4	23	16	23	27	20	20	12	4	1	—	2,127
Royal Garrison Artillery ...	248	487	786	486	499	679	679	491	161	190	144	106	74	89	96	87	76	58	68	68	41	25	—	5,618
Royal Engineers	8	36	78	247	287	504	345	242	102	115	60	71	75	62	59	85	80	65	62	45	24	9	—	2,661
Foot Guards	—	96	187	155	14	72	71	29	7	20	9	3	5	3	5	4	4	—	2	—	—	—	—	686
Infantry of the Line	1,112	4,062	3,402	1,864	1,795	2,145	2,586	2,375	497	606	413	272	355	334	252	229	172	129	76	56	31	31	100	22,894
Colonial Corps	554	365	406	233	331	342	309	402	279	469	207	104	30	25	31	72	45	34	25	26	21	56	236	4,602*
Army Service Corps	—	8	14	62	85	105	152	109	42	42	40	33	24	23	14	21	20	4	13	2	1	—	—	814
Royal Army Medical Corps ...	15	61	134	77	192	238	79	47	30	23	14	28	9	13	20	22	23	11	11	6	3	2	—	1,061
Army Ordnance Corps... ...	8	23	34	60	73	108	63	40	24	20	15	20	15	20	17	27	10	10	4	2	1	—	—	599
Army Veterinary Corps ...	—	—	1	2	16	29	24	11	3	3	1	—	—	4	—	1	1	—	1	1	2	—	—	101
All Arms	2,317	5,843	5,608	3,336	3,601	5,194	5,281	4,790	1,298	1,610	1,036	741	638	657	571	646	498	358	316	232	142	133	336	45,185

* Exclusive of 4,420 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.

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TABLE 1.—PAST SERVICES (irrespective of their terms of engagement) of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the several Arms at Home, in the Colonies, and in India, on the 1st October, 1907—*continued.*

—	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 6 years.	6 to 7 years.	7 to 8 years.	8 to 9 years.	9 to 10 years.	10 to 11 years.	11 to 12 years.	12 to 13 years.	13 to 14 years.	14 to 15 years.	15 to 16 years.	16 to 17 years.	17 to 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	Over 21 years.	Not included.	TOTAL.
IN INDIA.																								
Cavalry of the Line	196	838	590	221	293	937	1,126	1,016	213	182	108	100	61	53	55	55	43	33	18	21	15	17	—	6,191
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	41	364	511	647	1,146	1,588	1,642	1,840	358	345	191	147	175	163	140	113	93	78	58	46	29	27	—	9,742
Royal Garrison Artillery ...	8	363	466	438	491	426	571	665	255	203	107	110	100	100	116	76	58	49	53	34	14	8	—	4,711
Royal Engineers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	3
Infantry of the Line	748	3,946	8,796	5,804	4,932	5,152	6,169	6,291	1,577	1,496	1,208	949	1,357	862	759	496	339	262	219	150	86	76	—	51,674
Army Ordnance Corps... ...	14	1	11	6	8	8	9	17	12	5	16	3	5	2	4	2	5	6	1	—	—	—	—	135
All Arms	1,007	5,512	10,374	7,116	6,870	8,111	9,517	9,829	2,415	2,231	1,630	1,309	1,698	1,180	1,074	742	538	429	349	251	146	128	—	72,456
AT HOME AND ABROAD.																								
Household Cavalry	72	130	95	81	63	83	104	149	53	52	49	37	27	21	26	30	32	39	37	23	29	9	—	1,232
Cavalry of the Line	2,015	2,785	1,710	456	644	2,499	2,918	2,563	512	458	373	320	200	240	226	270	179	136	107	112	82	70	—	18,875
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	3,166	3,897	3,786	1,266	2,056	3,137	3,091	3,558	667	753	562	466	422	491	414	398	348	342	356	214	128	95	—	29,609
Royal Garrison Artillery ...	1,660	1,430	1,929	1,339	1,380	1,429	1,677	1,655	664	764	599	535	399	413	467	332	274	255	253	242	183	141	—	18,020
Royal Engineers	476	944	497	555	547	836	879	712	301	290	173	230	194	209	159	199	195	200	185	159	178	63	—	8,181
Foot Guards	1,191	1,374	1,517	638	400	382	522	287	136	150	112	49	67	47	42	69	56	43	44	20	30	35	—	7,211
Infantry of the Line	22,064	17,305	16,900	10,350	8,790	9,058	10,912	10,957	3,154	3,545	2,898	2,341	2,562	2,342	2,211	1,859	1,130	1,008	783	643	520	454	100	131,886
Colonial Corps	554	365	406	233	331	312	309	402	279	469	207	104	39	25	31	72	45	34	25	26	21	56	236	4,602*
Army Service Corps	779	1,112	348	387	494	477	576	458	206	170	158	162	90	96	110	122	107	65	86	66	53	14	—	6,136
Royal Army Medical Corps ...	432	431	442	171	418	479	318	296	126	103	63	86	49	63	90	96	81	53	62	26	44	76	—	4,005
Army Ordnance Corps ...	202	216	110	131	134	237	298	176	96	67	75	65	61	51	60	60	35	37	35	26	18	2	—	2,192
Army Veterinary Corps ...	—	—	4	4	22	53	42	35	9	7	3	5	3	6	—	3	1	1	3	1	2	1	—	205
All Arms	32,611	29,985	27,741	15,611	15,279	19,012	21,646	21,248	6,203	6,828	5,272	4,400	4,101	4,004	3,836	3,510	2,483	2,204	1,976	1,558	1,288	1,016	336	232,154

* Exclusive of 4,420 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.

N.B.—Re-enlisted men, previously shown separately, are now shown as follows:—Royal Garrison Regiment men, and men re-enlisted during the war who are counting previous service, according to their total service: other men who are not counting previous service, according to their services on their present engagement.

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SERVICES AND AGES.

TABLE 2.—PAST SERVICES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the several arms, at ... under the different terms of engagement.

—	Terms of Engagement— For 1 year with colours.	For 2 years with colours		For 3 years with colours.				For 6 years with colours.						For 7 years with colours.								For 8 years			
	Under 1 year.	Under 1 year.	1 year to 2 years.	Under 1 year.	1 year to 2 years.	2 years to 3 years.	Over 3 years.	Under 1 year.	1 year to 2 years.	2 years to 3 years.	3 years to 4 years.	4 years to 5 years.	5 years to 6 years.	Under 1 year.	1 year to 2 years.	2 years to 3 years.	3 years to 4 years.	4 years to 5 years.	5 years to 6 years.	6 years to 7 years.	Over 7 years.	Under 1 year.	1 year to 2 years.	2 years to 3 years.	[illegible]
AT HOME.																									
Household Cavalry ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	70	121	95	[illegible]
Cavalry of the Line ...	—	—	—	—	—	32	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1450	1354	103	67	17	46	169	—	9	15	140	[illegible]
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	—	17	2426	2294	—	2793	667	351	137	10	3	1	—	3	—	2	40	122	—	6	10	76	[illegible]
Royal Garrison Artillery...	—	—	—	10	[illegible]	278	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	3	2	—	12	37	—	282	110	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Engineers	—	139	304	251	450	252	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	96	77	75	3	8	19	—	—	7	[illegible]	[illegible]
Foot Guards...	—	—	—	108	936	869	*7	—	—	—	—	—	—	52	257	137	111	7	43	124	—	—	28	[illegible]	[illegible]
Infantry of the Line ...	—	—	11[illegible]	70	73	633	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	19109	2136	195	1061	133	124	188	2	13	13	[illegible]	[illegible]
Army Service Corps ...	—	638	889	81	107	100	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42	118	29	6	3	5	—	—	7	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Army Medical Corps	22[illegible]	—	—	180	303	185	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	50	72	33	2	5	12	—	2	6	[illegible]	[illegible]
Army Ordnance Corps ...	—	—	—	85	109	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	18	9	13	4	7	24	—	—	1	[illegible]	[illegible]
Army Veterinary Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	[illegible]	[illegible]
All Arms	22[illegible]	777	1304	1795	4407	4669	16	2793	667	351	137	10	3	20622	3954	717	1391	174	288	700	[illegible]	382	321	115[illegible]	[illegible]
IN THE COLONIES, EGYPT, AND CRETE.																									
Cavalry of the Line ..	—	—	—	—	1	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	272	452	27	15	4	34	23	16	4	15	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	—	[illegible]	132	249	—	84	75	93	26	2	—	—	—	2	4	1	7	13	13	—	2	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Garrison Artillery...	—	—	—	[illegible]	5	372	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	5	2	3	15	36	29	232	76	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Engineers	—	—	—	—	16	4	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	14	43	34	—	14	15	2	—	—	[illegible]	[illegible]
Foot Guards...	—	—	—	—	*81	*148	*80	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	11	8	—	7	14	—	—	2	[illegible]	[illegible]
Infantry of the Line ...	—	2	4	17	46	159	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	974	617	67	240	39	64	109	122	16	18	[illegible]	[illegible]
Colonial Corps	—	—	—	432	70	181	—	—	—	39	79	113	54	21	30	17	43	40	22	29	—	—	—	[illegible]	[illegible]
Army Service Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	12	8	—	1	1	—	—	—	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	—	5	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	49	42	8	—	2	4	—	—	10	[illegible]	[illegible]
Army Ordnance Corps ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	16	14	4	2	—	3	—	—	—	[illegible]	[illegible]
Army Veterinary Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	[illegible]	[illegible]
All Arms... ...	—	2	4	461	345	1123	98	84	75	132	105	115	54	1287	1197	210	366	89	166	247	182	252	122	45[illegible]	[illegible]
IN INDIA.																									
Cavalry of the Line ...	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	172	794	79	31	15	10	33	37	5	15	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	—	—	15	17	—	23	162	103	23	3	—	—	1	2	3	6	16	31	4[illegible]	[illegible]	164	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Garrison Artillery...	—	—	—	1	1	11	29	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	3	2	1	1	3	9	4	26	[illegible]	[illegible]
Royal Engineers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	[illegible]
Infantry of the Line ...	—	—	—	10	57	585	391	—	—	7	40	—	—	535	342	189	639	133	72	149	188	23	33	[illegible]	[illegible]
Army Ordnance Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	[illegible]
All Arms... ...	—	—	—	11	73	618	421	23	162	110	63	3	—	707	1143	273	675	155	99	216	274	3[illegible]	57	[illegible]	[illegible]
General Total ...	22[illegible]	779	1308	2267	1825	6413	535	2900	904	593	305	128	57	22616	6294	1230	2432	418	553	1163	458	169[illegible]	681	[illegible]	[illegible]

* Including men who have extended their service for 4 years with the colours.
N.B.—As regards Re-enlisted men, *see* note on page 81.

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ne, in the Colonies, and in India, on the 1st October, 1907, showing the number serving ether original or extended.

Service.																													
with colours.				For 9 years with colours.										Extended to complete 12 years with colours.				Long Service, 1st Period (12 years with colours).				Re-engaged to complete 21 years with colours.					
5 years to 6 years.	6 years to 7 years.	7 years to 8 years.	Over 8 years.	Under 1 year.	1 year to 2 years.	2 years to 3 years.	3 years to 4 years.	4 years to 5 years.	5 years to 6 years.	6 years to 7 years.	7 years to 8 years.	8 years to 9 years.	Over 9 years.	Under 10 years.	10 years to 11 years.	11 years to 12 years.	Over 12 years.	Under 10 years.	10 years to 11 years.	11 years to 12 years.	Over 12 years.	Under 19 years.	19 years to 20 years.	20 years to 21 years.	Over 21 years.	Not included in foregoing.	Total.
3	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	515	42	28	—	223	23	29	9	—	1,232
748	781	724	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	493	89	61	—	547	24	19	—	803	77	53	4[illegible]	—	8,662
1,077	938	972	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	881	288	159	—	1,337	29	29	—	1,975	156	95	6[illegible]	—	17,740
266	307	349	1	8	363	215	111	42	1	5	3	2	—	668	285	166	—	665	22	18	—	1,478	140	128	108	—	7,691
257	443	301	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	441	70	45	—	526	24	15	—	981	114	152	5[illegible]	—	5,517
235	259	171	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	286	48	14	—	436	26	14	—	401	20	30	3[illegible]	—	6,525
1,160	1,416	1,576	2	290	6394	3278	595	382	57	25	18	17	1	2,521	832	476	3	4,453	251	223	2	6,712	437	403	347	2	57,318
267	287	201	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	401	59	50	—	645	13	8	—	686	64	52	14	—	5,322
217	200	153	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	273	39	20	—	81	2	2	—	437	29	41	73	—	2,941
84	158	60	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	135	16	6	—	352	13	—	—	262	24	17	[illegible]	—	1,458
22	15	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	1	2	—	3	—	1	—	12	—	—	1	—	104
4,336	4,809	4,521	3	298	6757	3494	706	425	58	30	22	23	1	6,124	1,727	999	3	9,560	446	357	2	13970	1075	1000	755	2	114,513
618	665	518	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	275	102	44	—	202	9	8	—	370	14	14	9	—	4,022
251	190	324	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	108	12	8	—	144	3	1	—	148	12	4	1	—	2,127
596	585	320	—	2	392	277	193	32	8	4	2	3	—	393	104	32	—	354	15	5	—	653	68	41	23	—	5,618
459	283	96	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	264	45	15	—	231	10	2	—	553	45	24	9	—	2,661
57	50	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	21	4	1	—	37	—	—	—	36	—	—	—	—	686
1,890	2,212	1,823	19	50	3235	2945	495	131	39	14	9	11	—	1,216	280	94	2	1,347	83	37	—	1,760	56	31	31	†100	22,894
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	50	70	44	—	170	45	18	5	1,640	148	70	—	287	26	21	56	‡782	4,602§
95	109	41	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	134	17	10	—	74	3	—	—	169	2	1	—	—	814
223	61	21	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	89	8	7	—	19	1	—	—	137	6	3	2	—	1,061
82	44	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	47	4	2	—	132	2	1	—	137	2	1	—	—	599
15	14	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	1	2	—	—	101
4,286	4,213	3,203	24	52	3627	3222	688	163	47	68	82	61	—	2,758	622	231	7	4,180	274	124	—	4,259	232	142	133	882	45,185
859	961	757	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	619	60	26	6	320	18	10	1	424	21	15	17	—	6,191
1,493	1,454	1,305	9	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1,106	142	62	17	459	11	12	1	922	46	29	27	—	9,742
406	492	466	42	1	332	357	153	29	—	—	—	—	—	606	85	53	—	135	5	6	—	625	34	14	8	—	4,711
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	3
4,678	5,406	5,081	268	97	3285	7500	1052	404	69	17	4	1	—	3,465	856	405	106	2,196	183	107	5	4,890	150	86	70	22	51,674
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	76	13	1	—	33	—	—	—	—	135
7,436	8,313	7,608	328	98	3617	7857	1205	434	69	17	4	1	—	5,808	1,143	546	129	3,186	230	142	7	6,895	251	146	12[illegible]	22	72,456
16058	17335	15333	355	148	14001	14573	2599	1022	174	115	108	85	1	14690	3,492	1,776	139	16926	950	623	9	25124	1558	1288	1010	906	232,154

† Including men of the Royal Garrison Regiment.
§ Exclusive of 4,420 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.
‡ Colonial Corps, various terms of engagement.

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TABLE 3.—TERMS of ENGAGEMENT, by ranks, of the Non-Commissioned on the 1st

	Terms of Engagement—																						
	For 1 year.	For 2 years.	For 3 years with colours.					For 6 years with colours.					For 7 years with colours.					For 8 years with colours.					
	Privates.	Privates.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.
AT HOME.																							
Household Cavalry ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	363	[illegible]
Cavalry of the Line ...	—	—	—	—	—	32	32	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	25	3,176	3,206	21	2	170	3,021	[illegible]
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	—	—	2	4,735	4,737	—	—	1	3,960	3,961	4	—	53	111	168	9	—	242	3,006	[illegible]
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	—	—	—	291	291	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	44	60	2	—	87	2,823	[illegible]
Royal Engineers ...	—	443	—	—	—	953	953	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	278	279	12	—	131	1,277	[illegible]
Foot Guards	—	—	—	—	—	2,901	2,901*	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	41	682	731	15	5	222	1,335	[illegible]
Infantry of the Line ...	—	111	—	—	6	785	791	—	—	—	—	—	20	30	330	22,568	22,948	90	123	862	4,674	[illegible]
Army Service Corps	—	1,527	1	—	—	287	288	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	197	203	22	—	272	1,018	[illegible]
Royal Army Medical Corps	222	—	—	—	—	674	674	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	174	176	6	—	80	797	[illegible]
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	—	—	—	220	220	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	71	77	1	—	26	307	[illegible]
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	33	[illegible]
All Arms ...	222	2,081	1	—	8	10,878	10,887	—	—	1	3,960	3,961	38	30	479	27,301	27,848	178	130	2,098	19,274	[illegible]
IN THE COLONIES, EGYPT, AND CRETE.																							
Cavalry of the Line ...	—	—	—	—	—	8	8	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	5	836	843	5	—	47	2,072	[illegible]
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	—	—	—	384	384	—	—	—	280	280	—	—	12	28	40	—	—	28	364	[illegible]
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	—	—	—	380	380	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	14	80	95	3	—	89	2,448	[illegible]
Royal Engineers ...	—	—	—	—	—	25	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	122	124	—	—	42	1,272	[illegible]
Foot Guards	—	—	—	—	—	309	309*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	48	50	—	—	29	195	[illegible]
Infantry of the Line ...	—	6	—	—	3	220	223	—	—	—	—	—	25	4	67	2,136	2,232	50	71	422	7,924	[illegible]
Colonial Corps	—	—	—	—	—	683	683	1	3	15	266	285	—	—	3	199	202	—	—	—	—	—
Army Service Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	28	29	3	—	87	284	[illegible]
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	—	—	—	—	15	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	115	115	12	—	47	600	[illegible]
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	43	44	—	—	16	269	[illegible]
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	36	[illegible]
All Arms ...	—	6	—	—	3	2,027	2,030	1	3	15	546	565	28	4	107	3,635	3,774	73	71	818	15,994	[illegible]
IN INDIA.																							
Cavalry of the Line ...	—	—	—	—	—	6	6	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	21	1,142	1,171	19	4	108	3,340	[illegible]
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	—	—	—	32	32	—	—	—	314	314	1	—	19	79	99	3	—	197	6,262	[illegible]
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	—	—	—	42	42	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	20	25	3	—	88	2,110	[illegible]
Royal Engineers ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infantry of the Line ...	—	—	—	—	1	1,042	1,043	—	—	1	46	47	41	4	120	2,082	2,247	65	187	642	22,407	[illegible]
Army Ordnance Corps	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms ...	—	—	—	—	1	1,122	1,123	—	—	1	360	361	50	4	165	3,323	3,542	90	191	1,035	34,179	[illegible]

* Including men who have extended their service for 4 years with the colours.
N.B.—As regards Re-enlisted men, *see* note on page 81.

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Officers and Men of the several arms, at Home, in the Colonies, and in India, October, 1907.

Short Service. For 9 years with colours.					Extended to complete 12 years with colours.					Long Service—1st Period (12 years with colours).						Re-engaged to complete 21 years with colours.					Not included in foregoing.	Total.
Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Boys.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.		
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42	20	53	463	7	585	121	4	6	153	284	—	1,232
—	—	—	—	—	149	—	177	317	643	3	97	6	360	124	590	549	5	132	291	977	—	8,662
—	—	—	1	1	123	—	452	753	1,328	9	247	103	601	435	1,395	936	7	401	949	2,293	—	17,740
—	—	7	743	750	94	—	313	712	1,119	5	88	51	276	285	705	639	2	281	932	1,854	—	7,691
—	—	—	—	—	104	—	184	268	556	30	85	39	279	128	565	699	—	319	283	1,301	—	5,517
1	—	—	5	6	142	6	48	152	348	5	121	17	230	103	476	228	14	31	213	486	—	6,525
11	74	284	10,688	11,057	639	230	860	2,103	3,832	38	710	256	2,549	1,376	4,929	2,917	119	1,111	3,752	7,899	2	57,318
—	—	—	—	—	150	—	238	122	510	11	63	65	371	156	666	588	—	69	159	816	—	5,322
—	—	—	—	—	59	—	115	158	332	2	15	15	33	20	85	293	—	116	163	572	—	2,944
—	—	—	—	—	50	—	60	47	157	206	4	6	77	72	365	248	—	18	39	305	—	1,458
—	—	—	—	—	7	—	8	13	28	—	—	1	3	—	4	10	—	2	1	13	—	104
12	74	291	11,437	11,814	1,517	236	2,455	4,645	8,853	351	1,454	612	5,242	2,706	10,365	7,228	151	2,486	6,935	16,800	2	114,513
—	—	—	—	—	68	1	76	276	421	—	42	—	139	38	219	215	1	71	120	407	—	4,022
—	—	—	—	—	17	—	33	78	128	—	22	16	107	3	148	81	—	35	49	165	—	2,127
—	—	2	911	913	46	—	145	338	529	10	63	37	253	11	374	389	—	140	258	787	—	5,618
—	—	—	—	—	37	—	111	176	324	6	23	10	183	21	243	337	—	183	111	631	—	2,661
—	—	1	3	4	12	—	5	9	26	2	14	—	15	6	37	26	2	3	5	36	—	686
3	36	79	6,811	6,929	308	69	238	977	1,592	32	192	60	956	227	1,467	796	18	186	878	1,878	100	22,894
16	2	25	121	164	43	2	53	140	238	24	37	81	1,691	25	1,858	158	8	41	183	390	782†	4,602§
—	—	—	—	—	64	—	65	32	161	6	8	22	40	1	77	140	—	9	23	172	—	814
—	—	—	—	—	27	—	24	53	104	—	—	3	17	—	20	101	—	30	17	148	—	1,061
—	—	—	—	—	14	—	24	15	53	94	3	2	36	—	135	113	—	13	14	140	—	599
—	—	—	—	—	13	—	19	10	42	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	12	—	101
19	38	107	7,846	8,010	649	72	793	2,104	3,618	174	403	231	3,437	332	4,578	2,368	29	711	1,658	4,766	882	45,185
—	—	—	—	—	126	3	136	446	711	5	69	12	236	33	355	322	3	53	99	477	—	6,191
—	—	—	1	1	90	2	359	876	1,327	5	104	64	286	24	483	504	6	173	341	1,024	—	9,742
—	—	1	871	872	35	4	179	526	744	—	51	15	80	—	146	236	3	108	334	681	—	4,711
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3	—	3
3	21	34	12,371	12,429	503	158	708	3,463	4,832	21	414	94	1,701	261	2,491	1,802	42	496	2,862	5,202	22	51,674
—	—	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	12	90	—	—	—	—	90	33	—	—	—	33	—	135
3	21	35	13,243	13,302	766	167	1,382	5,311	7,626	121	638	195	2,303	318	3,565	2,900	54	830	3,636	7,420	22	72,456

§ Exclusive of 4,420 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.
† Colonial Corps, various terms of engagement.

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TABLE 3—*continued.*—TERMS of ENGAGEMENT, by ranks, of the Non-Commissioned on the 1st

Total at Home and Abroad.	Terms of Engagement—																						
	For 1 year.	For 2 years.	For 3 years with colours.					For 6 years with colours.					For 7 years with colours.					For 8 years with colours.					
	Privates.	Privates.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.
Household Cavalry ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36	36
Cavalry of the Line ...	—	—	—	—	—	46	46	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	51	5,154	5,220	45	6	325	8,4[illegible]	8,8[illegible]
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	—	—	—	—	2	5,151	5,153	—	—	1	4,554	4,555	5	—	84	218	307	12	—	467	10,822	11,3[illegible]
Royal Garrison Artillery	—	—	—	—	—	713	713	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	35	144	180	8	—	264	7,381	7,653
Royal Engineers	—	443	—	—	—	978	978	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	400	403	12	—	173	2,549	2,73[illegible]
Foot Guards	—	—	—	—	—	3,210	3,210*	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	43	730	781	15	5	251	1,5[illegible]	1,8[illegible]
Infantry of the Line ...	—	117	—	—	10	2,047	2,057	—	—	1	46	47	80	38	517	26,785	27,427	205	381	1,926	25,05[illegible]	3[illegible]
Colonial Corps	—	—	—	—	—	683	683	1	3	15	266	285	—	—	3	199	202	—	—	—	—	—
Army Service Corps ...	—	1,527	1	—	—	288	289	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	225	232	25	—	359	1,3[illegible]	1,6[illegible]
Royal Army Medical Corps	222	—	—	—	—	689	689	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	289	291	18	—	127	1,307	1,5[illegible]
Army Ordnance Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	222	222	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	114	121	1	—	42	516	5[illegible]
Army Veterinary Corps ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	89	1[illegible]
Total—All Arms ...	222	2,087	1	—	12	14,027	14,040	1	3	17	4,866	4,887	116	38	751	34,259	35,164	341	392	3,951	60,447	74,131

* Including men who have extended their service for 4 years with the colours.

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Officers and Men of the several arms, at Home, in the Colonies, and in India, October, 1907.

rt Service.																						
For 9 years with colours.					Extended to complete 12 years with colours.					Long Service—1st Period (12 years with colours).						Re-engaged to complete 21 years with colours.					Not included in foregoing.	Total.
Drummers.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.		Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Boys.	Total.	Serjeants.	Drummers, &c.	Corporals.	Privates.	Total.		
—	—	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	42	20	53	463	7	585	121	4	6	153	284	—	1,232
—	—	—	—		343	4	339	1,039	1,775	8	208	18	735	195	1,164	1,086	9	256	510	1,861	—	18,875
—	—	—	2		233	2	844	1,707	2,783	14	373	183	994	462	2,026	1,521	13	609	1,339	3,482	—	29,609
—	—	10	2,525		2,535	175	4	637	1,576	2,392	15	202	103	609	296	1,225	1,264	5	529	1,524	3,322	—	18,020
—	—	—	—		—	141	—	295	444	880	36	112	49	462	149	808	1,029	—	502	394	1,935	—	8,181
1	—	1	8		10	154	6	53	161	374	7	135	17	245	109	513	254	16	31	218	522	—	7,211
17	131	397	29,870		30,415	1,450	457	1,806	6,543	10,256	91	1,316	410	5,206	1,864	8,887	5,515	179	1,793	7,492	14,979	124	131,886
16	2	25	121		164	43	2	53	140	238	24	37	81	1,691	25	1,858	158	8	41	183	390	782†	4,602‡
—	—	—	—		—	214	—	303	154	671	17	71	87	411	157	743	728	—	78	182	988	—	6,136
—	—	—	—		—	86	—	139	211	436	2	15	18	50	20	105	391	—	146	180	720	—	4,065
—	—	—	—		—	76	—	84	62	222	390	7	8	113	72	590	394	—	31	53	478	—	2,192
—	—	—	—		—	20	—	27	23	70	—	—	1	3	—	4	22	—	2	1	25	—	205
34	133	433	32,526		33,126	2,932	475	4,630	12,060	20,097	646	2,496	1,028	10,982	3,356	18,508	12,496	234	4,027	12,229	28,986	906	232,154

† Colonial Corps, various terms of engagement.
‡ Exclusive of 4,420 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.

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TABLE 4.—AGES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the several arms of the service at Home, in the Colonies, and in India on the 1st October, 1907.

—	Under 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	21 to 22 years.	22 to 23 years.	23 to 24 years.	24 to 25 years.	25 to 26 years.	26 to 27 years.	27 to 28 years.	28 to 29 years.	29 to 30 years.	30 to 35 years.	35 to 40 years.	40 to 45 years.	45 to 50 years.	50 years and over.	Not included in foregoing.	Total.
AT HOME.																				
Household Cavalry	10	22	50	90	87	78	76	73	91	95	69	71	53	199	131	35	1	1	—	1,232
Cavalry of the Line	197	157	839	1,339	968	572	504	648	890	606	369	273	186	666	357	79	10	2	—	8,663
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	521	1,135	2,179	2,416	1,720	1,408	1,294	1,265	1,115	795	615	532	392	1,495	751	102	4	1	—	17,740
Royal Garrison Artillery	301	305	430	633	510	457	447	416	485	401	340	391	371	1,285	700	183	28	8	—	7,691
Royal Engineers...	220	165	371	365	406	370	316	360	408	332	272	251	218	720	544	158	11	—	—	5,517
Foot Guards	125	310	643	838	927	650	516	486	485	332	258	189	133	404	171	50	7	1	—	6,525
Infantry of the Line	1,790	8,652	11,546	7,618	4,138	2,968	2,284	2,284	2,231	1,894	1,535	1,379	1,247	4,718	2,432	530	56	16	—	57,318
Army Service Corps	200	344	652	647	413	327	358	329	409	272	194	161	156	505	302	48	5	—	—	5,322
Royal Army Medical Corps	35	92	231	267	180	167	229	219	248	207	149	129	91	372	209	96	20	3	—	2,944
Army Ordnance Corps.	77	58	83	74	59	72	94	122	143	101	79	75	40	202	136	39	4	—	—	1,458
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	—	3	3	13	12	15	20	10	10	6	7	4	1	—	—	—	104
All Arms	3,476	11,240	17,024	14,287	9,411	7,072	6,161	6,214	6,520	5,055	3,890	3,461	2,893	10,573	5,737	1,321	146	32	—	114,513
IN THE COLONIES, EGYPT, AND CRETE.																				
Cavalry of the Line	56	30	174	325	247	184	231	497	561	463	344	185	179	376	152	16	2	—	—	4,022
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	21	42	142	219	177	160	194	242	277	182	136	86	56	134	55	3	1	—	—	2,127
Royal Garrison Artillery	54	119	299	404	483	405	497	479	577	402	349	262	220	644	288	65	9	2	—	5,618
Royal Engineers...	41	2	17	63	88	155	273	291	279	254	211	161	122	397	261	43	3	—	—	2,661
Foot Guards	6	7	18	79	136	92	80	65	58	39	35	27	10	28	5	1	—	—	—	686
Infantry of the Line	322	405	2,053	2,985	2,429	1,958	1,989	2,339	2,238	1,686	1,020	705	591	1,591	453	109	3	2	16	22,894
Colonial Corps	56	39	58	192	234	303	291	313	335	332	310	333	313	1,001	375	60	19	8	—	4,602*
Army Service Corps	2	8	—	11	41	58	108	85	118	76	54	55	34	106	53	5	—	—	—	814
Royal Army Medical Corps	—	2	34	66	93	90	169	137	82	70	58	41	33	124	55	7	—	—	—	1,061
Army Ordnance Corps...	3	2	13	20	18	49	62	84	43	44	29	27	23	111	55	14	2	—	—	599
Army Veterinary Corps	—	—	—	—	2	6	14	14	17	9	12	7	4	10	5	1	—	—	—	101
All Arms	561	656	2,808	4,364	3,948	3,460	3,908	4,546	4,585	3,617	2,588	1,889	1,585	4,522	1,757	324	39	12	16	45,185
IN INDIA.																				
Cavalry of the Line	61	37	64	435	590	475	487	785	888	907	392	323	201	385	123	35	3	—	—	6,191
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	57	36	96	293	550	811	1,191	1,395	1,287	1,155	745	524	413	897	258	30	4	—	—	9,742
Royal Garrison Artillery	14	18	19	97	299	398	407	413	501	531	409	301	262	708	260	38	4	2	—	4,711
Royal Engineers...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	3
Infantry of the Line	483	248	470	3,920	6,264	5,844	5,187	5,711	6,162	4,740	3,010	1,988	1,630	4,678	1,182	143	12	2	—	51,674
Army Ordnance Corps...	—	—	—	1	—	2	9	8	10	14	11	15	8	32	21	4	—	—	—	135
All Arms	615	339	649	4,746	7,703	7,530	7,281	8,342	8,848	7,347	4,567	3,151	2,514	6,700	1,846	251	23	4	—	72,456
General Total	4,652	12,235	20,481	23,397	21,062	18,062	17,350	19,102	19,953	16,019	11,045	8,501	6,992	21,795	9,340	1,896	208	48	16	232,154

* Exclusive of 4,120 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.

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TABLE 5.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of the AGES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the Army in each year from 1899.

Years.	Proportion per 1,000 men.							
	Under 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 25 years.	25 to 30 years.	30 to 35 years.	35 to 40 years.	Over 40 years.
1899, 1st January ..	18	58	91	481	257	65	24	6
1900 „ * ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1901 „ * ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1902 „ * ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1903 „ ..	23	61	82	438	249	100	39	8
1903, 1st October ..	21	50	93	474	224	89	40	9
1904 „ ..	20	50	84	484	223	89	40	10
1905 „ ..	20	44	85	471	240	92	38	10
1906 „ ..	20	50	82	450	256	94	38	10
1907 „ ..	20	53	88	426	269	94	40	10

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

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PART VIII.—NATIONALITIES, RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS, AND EDUCATIONAL ACQUIREMENTS.

TABLE 1.—NATIONALITIES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the several arms of the Service on the 1st October, 1907.

—	Born in England.	Born in Wales.	Born in Scotland.	Born in Ireland.	Born in India or the Colonies.	British Subjects born in Foreign Countries.	Foreigners.	Not reported.	Total.
Household Cavalry	1,070	14	73	61	12	2	—	—	1,232
Cavalry of the Line	15,536	227	1,421	1,366	303	21	1	—	18,875
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	24,230	554	1,720	2,144	934	27	—	—	29,609
Royal Garrison Artillery	13,747	306	715	2,697	534	17	4	—	18,020
Royal Engineers	6,481	182	380	772	353	13	—	—	8,181
Foot Guards	5,342	137	596	1,057	66	9	4	—	7,211
Infantry of the Line	101,332	2,053	12,645	13,668	1,951	148	15	74	131,886
Colonial Corps	31	1	5	1	4,563	1	—	—	4,602*
Army Service Corps	5,081	65	256	588	144	2	—	—	6,136
Royal Army Medical Corps	3,379	19	212	338	50	7	—	—	4,005
Army Ordnance Corps	1,826	28	104	131	101	1	1	—	2,192
Army Veterinary Corps	185	2	2	13	3	—	—	—	205
All Arms	178,240	3,588	18,129	22,836	9,014	248	25	74	232,154

* Exclusive of 4,420 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.

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TABLE 2.—NATIONALITIES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the Army in each year from 1899.

Year.	English and Welsh.		Scottish.	Irish.	Born in India or the Colonies.		Foreigners.	Not reported.	Total.
1899, 1st January ..	164,997		17,280	28,352	3,022		96	1,580	215,327
1900, " * ..	—		—	—	—		—	—	—
1901, " * ..	—		—	—	—		—	—	—
1902, " * ..	—		—	—	—		—	—	—
1903, " ..	213,873		26,303	35,717	8,190		636	18,881	303,600
1903, 1st October ..	202,562		22,442	31,467	10,461		155	266	267,353
1904, " ..	203,832		21,852	30,654	10,143		145	975	267,601
	Born in England.	Born in Wales.	Born in Scotland.	Born in Ireland.	Born in India or the Colonies.	British Subjects born abroad.			
1905, " ..	190,192	4,553	20,388	27,785	9,271	282	557†	1,720	254,748
1906, " ..	187,235	4,151	19,766	25,397	8,866	244	93	226	245,978
1907, " ..	178,240	3,588	18,129	22,836	9,014	248	25	74	232,154

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

† 512 of these were in the Chinese Regiment.

N.B.—Indian or African Native Troops borrowed from India, &c., are excluded throughout this table. The Colonial Corps are also excluded in the year 1899, but from 1903 onwards they are included.

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TABLE 3.—RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the several arms of the Service on the 1st October, 1907.

—	Church of England.	Presbyterians.	Wesleyans.	Baptists or Congregationalists.	Other Protestants.	Roman Catholics.	Jews.	Mahometans, Hindoos, &c.	Not reported.	Total.
Household Cavalry	1,049	82	30	18	8	45	—	—	—	1,232
Cavalry of the Line	14,456	1,318	826	224	164	1,874	13	—	—	18,875
Royal Horse and Field Artillery ..	22,210	1,740	1,486	431	311	3,409	22	—	—	29,609
Royal Garrison Artillery	12,746	790	963	258	143	3,105	15	—	—	18,020
Royal Engineers	5,731	465	764	231	67	923	—	—	—	8,181
Foot Guards	4,844	699	363	117	52	1,135	1	—	—	7,211
Infantry of the Line	91,481	11,497	5,329	1,267	738	21,433	125	—	16	131,886
Colonial Corps	1,270	28	298	164	104	507	—	2,231	—	4,602*
Army Service Corps	4,349	258	331	126	117	899	6	—	—	6,136
Royal Army Medical Corps.. ..	2,868	245	238	107	34	505	8	—	—	4,005
Army Ordnance Corps	1,584	125	179	100	15	188	1	—	—	2,192
Army Veterinary Corps	166	4	11	4	—	20	—	—	—	205
All Arms	162,754	17,251	10,868	3,047	1,753	34,043	191	2,231	16	232,154

* Exclusive of 4,420 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.

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TABLE 4.—RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the Army in each year from 1899.

Year.	Church of England.	Presbyterians.	Wesleyans.	Baptists and Congregationalists.	Other Protestants.	Roman Catholics.	Jews.	Mahometans, Hindoos, &c.	Not Reported.	Total.	Year.
1899, 1st January ..	145,842	15,622	11,170	1,958		39,073	†	—	1,662	215,327	1899
1900, „ *	—	—	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	1900*
1901, „ *	—	—	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	1901*
1902, „ *	—	—	—	—		—	—	—	—	—	1902*
1903, „	195,080	22,900	14,284	2,953		46,883	159	2,459	18,882	303,600	1903
1903, 1st October ..	182,963	20,139	13,450	3,232		44,119	185	2,999	266	267,353	1903
1904, „	182,243	20,099	13,200	2,541	878	44,195	181	3,296	968	267,601	1904
1905, „	174,060	18,853	12,912	2,531	1,042	40,632	178	2,838	1,702	254,748	1905
1906, „	170,690	18,392	12,726	2,723	861	38,067	188	2,120	211	245,978	1906
1907, „	162,754	17,251	10,868	3,047	1,753	34,043	191	2,231	16	232,154	1907

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War. † Included in the numbers "not reported."

N.B.—Indian or African Native Troops borrowed from India, &c., are excluded throughout this table. Colonial Corps are also excluded in the year 1899, but from 1903 onwards they are included.

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TABLE 5.—EDUCATIONAL ACQUIREMENTS of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the several arms of the Service on the 1st October, 1907, and Educational attainments of Recruits enlisted during the previous year.

Arm.	Strength on the 1st October, 1907.	Men in possession of Certificates on the 1st October, 1907.				Percentage of Certificated to Strength.	Certificates gained during 12 months ending 30th September, 1907.				Educational Attainments of Recruits.†							
		1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.		1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.	Classification.	Class A.	Class B.	Class C.	Class D.	Class E.	Total No. examined.
Household Cavalry	1,232	72	461	517	1,050	85·2	20	42	89	151	Old ...	21	13	10	—	—	40
											New ...	11	7	2	1	—	21
Cavalry of the Line	18,875	582	4,759	5,533	10,874	57·6	174	618	1,502	2,294	Old ...	357	551	377	41	—	1,326
											New ...	28	107	96	69	16	316
Royal Horse & Field Artillery	29,600	880	7,634	8,434	16,948	57·2	133	1,084	2,876	4,093	Old ...	552	479	437	127	—	1,595
											New ...	115	287	364	224	75	1,065
Royal Garrison Artillery ...	18,020	1,152	5,841	4,429	11,422	63·3	191	503	1,064	1,758	Old ...	296	369	326	112	—	1,103
											New ...	46	112	149	97	39	443
Royal Engineers	8,181	1,039	3,539	1,807	6,385	78·0	153	289	388	830	Old ...	43	33	6	1	—	83
											New ...	95	97	121	78	24	415
Foot Guards	7,211	219	1,752	2,532	4,503	62·4	42	282	883	1,207	Old ...	125	215	427	195	—	962
											New ...	23	47	69	94	50	283
Infantry of the Line	131,886	3,160	23,677	36,889	63,726	52·1	768	4,453	12,449	17,670	Old ...	2,643	6,015	6,605	1,992	—	17,255
											New ...	312	1,160	1,760	1,662	742	5,636
Colonial Corps	4,602	21	427	286	734	15·9	4	25	40	69	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Army Service Corps	6,136	738	2,035	1,215	3,988	65·0	108	154	252	514	Old ...	75	129	179	83	—	466
											New ...	23	57	88	80	16	264
Royal Army Medical Corps ...	4,005	242	1,597	778	2,617	65·3	48	170	268	486	Old ...	106	157	64	—	—	327
											New ...	13	47	55	28	7	150
Army Ordnance Corps ..	2,192	393	1,135	361	1,889	86·2	82	199	160	441	Old ...	44	15	7	3	—	69
											New ..	12	18	16	4	1	51
Army Veterinary Corps ...	205	23	89	60	172	83·9	16	8	2	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	232,151*	8,521	57,946	62,841	129,308	55·70	1,739	7,827	19,973	29,539	Old ...	4,262‡	7,981‡	8,438‡	2,554‡	—	23,235‡
											New ...	678‡	1,939‡	2,720‡	2,337‡	970‡	8,644‡
Percentage of certificated to strength ...	—	3·67	24·96	27·07	55·70	—	Percentage in the several classes				Old ...	18·34‡	34·35‡	36·32‡	10·99‡	—	100·00
											New ...	7·84‡	22·43‡	31·47‡	27·04‡	11·22‡	100·00

* Exclusive of 4,420 Native Troops borrowed from the Indian Government.

† The old classification was as follows:—

Class A:—Men who can read manuscript, write from dictation from Standard II reading book, and work the four simple rules of arithmetic.

Class B:—Men who can only read from print and easy manuscript, write dictation fairly from elementary reader, and work elementary sums.

Class C:—Men who can only read print and write monosyllables from dictation.

Class D:—Men who are practically illiterate.

The new classification introduced by a circular letter to Schoolmasters on 2nd July, 1907, is as follows:—

Class A:—Men of good education who can read a Standard VII Reader, write composition on a subject about which they can be expected to have some information, and work compound rules of arithmetic, vulgar fractions, and mensuration of rectangles and rectangular solids.

Class B:—Men of fair education who can read a Standard V Reader, in writing reproduce a story read twice, and work the compound rules of arithmetic.

Class C:—Men of moderate education who can read a Standard III Reader, write dictation from a Standard III Reader, and in arithmetic, the simple rules and money.

Class D:—Men of inferior education who can read a Standard II Reader, write dictation from a Standard II Reader, and work very easy problems with small numbers on the simple rules of arithmetic.

Class E:—Men who fall to Class D to be considered illiterate.

‡ The Colonial Corps are not included in these numbers.

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TABLE 6.—EDUCATIONAL ACQUIREMENTS of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men on the regimental strength of the Army in each year from 1899.

Date.	Strength.	Men in Possession of Certificates.				Per-centage of Certificated to Strength.	Certificates gained during preceding 12 months.			
		1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.		1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Total.
1899, 1st January	222,373	5,631	48,422	31,289	85,342	38·38	924	7,525	9,969	18,418
1900, " .. .. *	—	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	*
1901, " .. .. *	—	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	*
1902, " .. .. *	—	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	*
1903, "	303,600	5,618	43,257	30,985	79,860	26·30	779	5,531	6,948	13,258
1903, 1st October	267,353	6,368	48,705	36,763	91,836	34·35	668§	6,388§	9,650§	16,706§
1904, "	267,601	7,429	54,419	50,080	111,928	41·83	1,393	11,651	27,513	40,557
1905, "	254,748	8,191	57,658	54,905	120,754	47·40	1,440	10,558	21,772	33,770
1906, "	245,978	8,255	60,737	59,757	128,749	52·34	1,243	9,968	20,245	31,456
1907, "	232,154	8,521	57,946	62,841	129,308	55·70	1,739	7,827	19,973	29,539

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War. § Figures for nine months only.

N.B.—Indian or African Native Troops borrowed from India, &c., are excluded throughout this table.

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PART IX.—HORSES AND MULES.

TABLE 1.—STRENGTH and DISTRIBUTION of the PUBLIC HORSES and MULES (Regimental) on the British Establishment, on the 1st October, 1907, and the number required to complete each arm of the service.

—	Strength on British Establishment.									
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards and Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	Colonial Corps and China Force.	Unposted Remounts.	All Arms.
At Home.										
England	819	5,009	5,685	229	753	1,345	1,501	—	577	15,918
Scotland	—	4	315	—	—	26	34	—	—	379
Ireland	—	1,580	1,878	1	251	150	436	—	126	4,422
Channel Islands	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	—	9
Total	819	6,593	7,878	230	1,004	1,530	1,971	—	703	20,728
In the Colonies, &c.										
Egypt	—	497	102	3	5	156	—	—	—	763
South Africa	—	2,550	1,051	5	338	2,002	1,573	—	786	8,305
Gibraltar, Malta, Cyprus and Crete	—	—	—	1	1	12	—	—	—	14
Ceylon, Singapore, China and Mauritius	—	—	—	2	5	2	—	650	—	659
Bermuda and Jamaica ..	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	4
Total	—	3,047	1,153	13	349	2,174	1,573	650	786	9,745
General Total	819	9,640	9,031	243	1,353	3,704	3,544	650	1,489	30,473
* ESTABLISHMENT ..	828	9,843	9,680	352	1,338	3,332	5,653	556	—	31,582†
Wanting to complete	9	203	649	109	—	—	2,109	—	—	1,109
Supernumerary	—	—	—	—	15	372	—	94	1,489	—

* As provided in Army Estimates 1907-1908.

† These figures do not include 863 horses taken in the Estimates for Militia, &c.

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TABLE 2.—STRENGTH of the PUBLIC HORSES and MULES in each arm of the Service on the British Establishment, in each year from 1899.

Date.	Strength on British Establishment.									
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards and Infantry of the Line.	Army Service Corps.	China, Somaliland, and Colonial Corps.	Unposted Remounts.	All Arms.
1st January, 1899..	820	7,654	5,083		408	1,486	1,283	—	244	16,978
,, 1900..	862	12,349	10,280	498	607	5,102	1,981	—	22,984	54,663
,, 1901*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*
,, 1902*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*
,, 1903..	833	22,784	10,062	356	689	9,051	1,116	—	1,313	46,204
1st October, 1903..	783	11,407	10,331	211	879	5,687	1,687	10,586	3,690	45,261
,, 1904..	784	9,402	10,301	211	894	4,181	1,970	4,144	3,369	35,256
,, 1905..	803	9,180	10,216	157	990	4,633	4,658	714	2,247	33,598
,, 1906..	796	9,341	9,880	200	1,020	3,779	3,758	632	1,782	31,188
,, 1907..	819	9,640	9,031	243	1,353	3,704	3,544	650	1,489	30,473

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.

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TABLE 3.—AGES of the PUBLIC HORSES and MULES on the British Establishment on the 1st October, 1907.

	Ages.				
	Under 5 years.	5 and under 13 years.	13 years and over.	Not shewn.	Total.
Household Cavalry..	49	659	111	—	819
Cavalry of the Line	193	8,645	802	—	9,640
Royal Horse and Field Artillery ..	84	7,204	1,737	6	9,031
Royal Garrison Artillery	7	198	38	—	243
Royal Engineers	16	1,153	176	8	1,353
Foot Guards and Infantry of the Line	—	3,467	237	—	3,704
Army Service Corps	14	2,952	577	1	3,544
Colonial Corps	—	—	—	—	—
Indian Native Troops — China Force	—	284	336	30	650
Unposted Remounts	—	—	—	1,489	1,489
	363	24,562	4,014	1,534	30,473

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N.B.—As regards the conditions of service in the various sections of the Reserve, *see* note on p. 104.

TABLE 1.—INCREASE AND DECREASE of the ARMY RESERVE by ARMS, during the TWELVE MONTHS ending 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1907.

	Sections A and B.														Section D.												Total (A, B, and D).
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	R.H.A. and R.F.A.	R.G.A.	R.E.	Foot Guards.	Infantry.	R. Malta Arty.	Army Service Corps.	R.A.M.C.	A.O.C.	A. Vety. C.	A. Post Off. C.	Total.	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	R.H.A. and R.F.A	R.G.A.	R.E.	Foot Guards.	Infantry.	A.S.C.	R.A.M.C.	A.O.C.	Total.	
Effectives on 1st October, 1906 ...	51	6,215	7,469	5,251	3,624	6,750	56,461	436	3,594	1,409	230	—	130	91,620	—	1,249	1,475	997	428	738	13,463	404	180	42	18,976	110,596
INCREASE.																										
From the Colours...	45	1,426	2,457†	2,468	1,062	1,173	20,194	53	623	500	70	6	—	30,077	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30,077
Enlisted in Section "D"	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	105	96	104	24	90	1,209	31	12	7	1,679	1,679
Re-engaged for Section "D"	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41	18	22	31	32	563	3	5	4	719	719
Re-joined from absence	—	16	19	17	13	13	145	—	10	1	1	—	—	235	—	2	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	—	17	252
Other causes	—	—	3	1	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	—	—	1	2	—	—	34	—	—	—	37	49
Total Increase	45	1,442	2,479	2,486	1,075	1,186	20,347	53	633	501	71	6	—	30,324	1	148	115	128	55	122	1,821	34	17	11	2,452	32,776
DECREASE.																										
Died	—	17	43	28	22	28	272	3	11	6	1	—	—	431	—	6	6	5	5	3	86	3	—	—	114	545
Discharged :—																										
On completion of engagement ...	8	795	632	730	287	472	6,323	28	134	77	19	—	—	9,505	—	217	460	184	99	190	3,338	165	52	6	4,711	14,216
As invalids	—	3	3	2	3	9	60	—	1	4	—	—	—	85	—	1	2	—	—	—	26	—	1	—	30	115
By purchase	—	1	3	—	6	4	12	—	1	—	—	—	—	27	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	28
Free by indulgence	—	2	—	—	3	—	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	12	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	13
For misconduct	—	13	9	15	3	27	195	3	16	3	—	—	—	284	—	—	—	1	—	—	13	—	—	—	14	298
Miscellaneous	—	4	10	—	*236	1	13	—	1	—	1	—	—	266	—	—	—	—	*9	—	3	—	1	—	13	279
Total discharged	8	818	657	747	538	513	6,607	34	153	84	20	—	—	10,179	—	219	462	185	108	191	3,380	165	54	6	4,770	14,949
Retransferred to the Colours	—	6	8	19	3	7	239	4	—	2	—	1	—	289	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	289
Struck off for absence	—	85	112	165	61	78	778	4	83	16	9	—	—	1,391	—	4	5	10	—	4	60	2	—	—	85	1,476
Re-engaged for Section "D"	—	41	18	22	31	29	560	—	3	5	4	—	—	713	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	713
Other causes	—	—	2	2	1	—	19	—	2	—	—	—	—	26	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	4	30
Total Decrease	8	967	840	983	656	655	8,475	45	252	113	34	1	—	13,029	—	229	473	202	113	198	3,528	170	54	6	4,973	18,002
Net Increase	37	475	1,639	1,503	419	531	11,872	8	381	388	37	5	—	17,295	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	14,774
Net Decrease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	81	358	74	58	76	1,707	136	37	—	2,521	—
Effectives on 1st October, 1907 ...	88	6,690	9,108†	6,754	4,043	7,281	68,333	144	3,975	1,797	267	5	130	108,915	1	1,168	1,117	923	370	662	11,756	268	143	47	16,455	125,370

* 205 of Section B and 9 of Section D on the disbandment of the Special Submarine Mining Reserves, Royal Engineers.
† Includes 15 men transferred to the Reserve from the Royal Field Artillery Militia, Permanent Staff.

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TABLE 2.—Increase and Decrease of the Army Reserve in each year from 1898.

—	1898.		1899.		1900.		1901.		1902.		1st Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903.		Years ending— 30th Sept., 1904.		30th Sept., 1905.		30th Sept., 1906.		30th Sept., 1907.	
	Secs. A, B, C.	Sec. D.	Secs. A, B, C.	Sec. D.	Secs. A, B, C.	Sec. D.	Secs. A, B, C.	Sec. D.	Secs. A, B. C.	Sec. D.	Secs. A, B, C.	Sec. D.	Secs. A, B, C.	Sec. D.	Secs. A and B	Sec. D.	Secs. A and B	Sec. D.	Secs A and B.	Sec. D.
Effectives on first day of each period	68,651	13,354	62,034	16,764	10,274	13,856	3,268	1,983	1,167	1,231	29,784	3,081	59,827	6,644	64,754	10,186	79,390	15,380	91,620	18,976
INCREASE.																				
From the Colours	16,189	—	12,902	—	3,209	—	487	83	31,805†	1,070†	37,267*†	961*†	17,117	—	26,510	—	24,749	—	30,077	—
Enlisted in Section D ...	—	1,596	—	1,437	—	563	—	28	—	1,679	—	3,515*	—	3,219	—	3,329	—	2,142	—	1,679
Re-engaged for Section D ...	—	2,000	—	1,214	—	47	—	—	—	105	—	469*	—	1,287	—	2,125	—	2,465	—	719
Rejoined from absence ...	119	12	216	26	188	59	11	9	9	8	82*	4*	119	3	119	4	160	8	235	17
Other causes (net)	—	—	8	1	79	26	—	—	—	—	42*	—	91	—	—	2	9	6	12	37
Total increase	16,308	3,608	13,126	2,678	3,476	695	498	120	31,814	2,862	37,391*	4,949*	17,327	4,509	26,629	5,460	24,918	4,621	30,324	2,452
DECREASE.																				
Died	434	100	425	143	60	80	15	21	54	22	187*	19*	282	48	283	90	342	132	431	114
Discharged :—																				
On completion of engagement	15,170	1	11,113	6	356	754	225	517	2,027	955	5,968*	1,344*	9,301	856	8,254	95	7,835	768	9,505	4,711
As invalids	93	13	402	23	1,826	838	219	21	5	4	20*	2*	109	10	87	13	103	34	85	30
By purchase	14	—	17	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	11*	—	75	—	32	2	38	—	27	1
Free by indulgence ...	1	3	4	2	4	2	15	4	1	3	—	—	3	2	7	3	14	2	12	1
For misconduct	97	18	113	24	12	5	—	—	—	—	8*	—	86	8	147	18	178	19	284	14
Miscellaneous	3	3	8	3	22	13	124	45	7	1	28*	1*	155	11	41	6	100	6	266	13
Total discharged ...	15,378	38	11,657	58	2,220	1,612	584	587	2,040	963	6,035*	1,347*	9,729	887	8,568	137	8,268	829	10,179	4,770
Rejoined Colours	4,543	1	50,721‡	5,290‡	7,853‡	10663‡	1,873‡	241‡	855	12	369*	2*	409	1	305	3	725	3	289	—
Re-engaged for Section D ...	2,000	—	1,214	—	47	—	—	—	105	—	469*	—	1,287	—	2,071	—	2,457	—	713	—
Struck off for absence ...	565	59	867	87	259	182	103	19	31	7	288*	6*	693	23	683	36	861	61	1,391	85
Other causes (net)	5	—	2	8	43	31	24	4	112	8	—	12*	—	8	83	—	35	—	26	4
Total decrease	22,925	198	64,886	5,586	10,482	12,568	2,599	872	3,197	1,012	7,348*	1,386*	12,400	967	11,993	266	12,688	1,025	13,029	4,973
Net increase	—	3,410	—	—	—	—	—	—	28,617	1,850	30,043*	3,563*	4,927	3,542	14,636	5,194	12,230	3,596	17,295	—
Net decrease	6,617	—	51,760	2,908	7,006	11,873	2,101	752	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,521
Effectives on the first day of each period following ..	62,034	16,764	10,274	13,856	3,268	1,983	1,167	1,231	29,784	3,081	59,827	6,644	64,754	10,186	79,390	15,380	91,620	18,976	108,915	16,455

* Figures during nine months only.
† These figures include men retransferred to the Reserve on demobilization.
‡ These figures include men transferred to the Colours on mobilization.

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TABLE 3.—STRENGTH of the ARMY RESERVE, showing the composition of the force, on the first day of each quarter from 1st October, 1906, to 1st October, 1907.

—	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse Artillery.	Royal Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Malta Artillery.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Veterinary Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	Total.
1st October, 1906—															
Section A	—	—	—	625	—	—	229	2,607	151	—	—	65	—	—	3,677
,, B	51	6,215	1,045	5,799	5,252	3,624	6,521	53,855	3,443	436	230	1,344	—	130	87,945
,, D	—	1,249	280	1,195	996	428	738	13,464	404	—	42	180	—	—	18,976
Total	51	7,464	1,325	7,619	6,248	4,052	7,488	69,926	3,998	436	272	1,589	—	130	110,598
1st January, 1907—															
Section A	—	—	1	593	—	—	251	2,588	167	—	—	49	—	—	3,649
,, B	64	6,138	1,106	6,343	5,515	3,711	6,761	56,204	3,551	438	232	1,375	—	130	91,568
,, D	—	1,219	247	1,094	948	402	682	12,815	338	—	44	168	—	—	17,957
Total	64	7,357	1,354	8,030	6,463	4,113	7,694	71,607	4,056	438	276	1,592	—	130	113,174
1st April, 1907—															
Section A	—	—	2	602	—	—	253	2,754	184	—	—	41	—	—	3,836
,, B	79	6,393	1,225	6,886	6,032	3,897	6,964	60,911	3,662	439	243	1,399	—	130	98,260
,, D	—	1,147	206	968	891	365	621	11,617	301	—	41	153	—	—	16,310
Total	79	7,540	1,433	8,456	6,923	4,262	7,838	75,282	4,147	439	284	1,593	—	130	118,406
1st July, 1907—															
Section A	—	—	2	588	—	—	236	2,853	192	—	—	64	—	—	3,935
,, B	89	6,606	1,285	7,112	6,337	4,220	7,044	63,611	3,725	445	253	1,449	3	130	102,309
,, D	1	1,106	189	890	850	345	569	10,806	257	—	41	137	—	—	15,191
Total	90	7,712	1,476	8,590	7,187	4,565	7,849	77,270	4,174	445	294	1,650	3	130	121,435
1st October, 1907—															
Section A	—	—	1	566	—	—	219	3,122	191	—	—	98	—	—	4,197
,, B	88	6,690	1,331	7,210	6,754	4,043	7,062	65,211	3,784	444	267	1,699	5	130	104,718
,, D	1	1,168	196	921	923	370	662	11,756	268	—	47	143	—	—	16,455
Total	89	7,858	1,528	8,697	7,677	4,413	7,943	80,089	4,243	444	314	1,940	5	130	125,370

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TABLE 4.—SERVICES of the men transferred to the Army Reserve from the Colours during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1907.

Past services towards completion of engagement.	Transfers from													
	Household Cavalry.	Cavalry of the Line.	Royal Horse and Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Foot Guards.	Infantry of the Line.	Royal Malta Artillery.	Army Service Corps.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Army Ordnance Corps.	Army Veterinary Corps.	Army Post Office Corps.	All Arms.
On enlistment ..	—	—	—	—	102	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	102
Under 2 years ..	—	—	1	—	6	3	—	—	1	327	—	—	—	338
2 to 3 years ..	—	—	2	44	107	36	119	1	430	12	10	—	—	761
3 to 4 years ..	—	149	773	1,584	251	654	12,635	—	97	66	25	—	—	16,234
4 to 5 years ..	3	3	102	1	55	45	100	—	1	8	1	—	—	319
5 to 6 years ..	7	33	15	5	124	48	151	1	4	11	3	—	—	402
6 to 7 years ..	9	62	201	29	146	50	206	8	3	14	8	6	—	742
7 to 8 years ..	—	434	358	137	121	238	875	37	13	14	12	—	—	2,239
8 to 9 years ..	14	733	908	644	132	93	5,958	3	69	46	11	—	—	8,611
9 to 10 years ..	7	4	48	6	9	4	97	1	2	—	—	—	—	178
10 to 11 years ..	5	5	19	11	5	2	23	—	—	1	—	—	—	71
After 11 years ..	1	2	17	11	5	2	14	2	1	1	—	—	—	56
Total (excluding relegated) ..	46	1,425	2,444	2,472	1,063	1,175	20,178	53	621	500	70	6	—	30,053
Relegated	1	10	—	1	—	7	36	—	—	—	—	—	—	55
Total	47	1,435	2,444	2,473	1,063	1,182	20,214	53	621	500	70	6	—	30,108

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TABLE 5.—SERVICES OF MEN transferred from the Colours to the Army Reserve during each year from 1898.

Year.	Services of Men transferred.													Relegated.	Demobilized.	Total transferred to Army Reserve.
	On enlistment.	Under 2 years.	After 2 years.	After 3 years.	After 4 years.	After 5 years.	After 6 years.	After 7 years.	After 8 years.	After 9 years.	After 10 years.	After 11 years.	Service not stated.			
1898	155			696	17	428	321	12,146	2,109	116	125	38	—	69	—	16,220
1899*	—			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	61	—	12,904
1900*	—			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41	—	3,055
1901*	—			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	85	—	804
1902	—			3,462	756	552	777	7,281	5,873				435	137	17,559	36,832
1st Jan. to 30th Oct., 1903	9†			4,078†	119†	995†	342†	8,761†	4,633†	4,015†	3,610†	571†	619†	54†	10,340†	38,146†
Years ending— 30th Sept., 1904 ..	30			4,493	444	1,042	570	8,827	1,389	184	86	96	—	66	28	17,255
30th Sept., 1905 ..	72	313	6,038	8,556	709	1,200	729	5,805	2,607	73	50	75	65	42	—	26,334
30th Sept., 1906 ..	171	12	858	14,623	402	249	391	2,588	5,530	137	48	44	140	77	—	25,270
30th Sept., 1907 ..	102	338	761	16,234	319	402	742	2,239	8,611	178	71	56	—	55	—	30,108

* Information incomplete owing to the South African War.
† Figures for nine months only.

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TABLE 6.—AGES of the MEN composing the ARMY RESERVE on the 1st October, 1907.

—	Under 30 years of age.		30 to 35 years.		35 to 40 years.		Over 40 years.		Total.	
	Sections		Sections		Sections		Sections		Sections	
	A and B	D	A and B	D	A and B	D	A and B	D	A and B	D
Household Cavalry	52	—	36	1	—	—	—	—	88	1
Cavalry of the Line	5.239	12	1,420	799	29	333	2	24	6,690	1,168
Royal Horse and Field Artillery	7,728	6	1,350	910	23	196	7	5	9,108	1,117
Royal Garrison Artillery	5,351	34	1,350	631	53	248	—	10	6,754	923
Royal Engineers	3,130	3	811	202	94	156	8	9	4,043	370
Foot Guards	5,857	—	1,388	460	35	198	1	4	7,281	662
Infantry of the Line	58,537	65	9,573	9,453	211	2,143	12	95	68,333	11,756
Army Service Corps	3,609	4	360	200	6	60	—	4	3,975	268
Royal Malta Artillery	323	—	121	—	—	—	—	—	444	—
Royal Army Medical Corps	1,512	—	252	94	32	40	1	9	1,797	143
Army Ordnance Corps..	219	—	45	31	3	15	—	1	267	47
Army Veterinary Corps	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	—
Army Post Office Corps	43	—	82	—	5	—	—	—	130	—
Total	91,604	124	16,789	12,781	491	3,389	31	161	108,915	16,455

NOTE AS TO THE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE RESERVE.

Section B is the ordinary Reserve, and consists of men completing, in the Reserve, the term of their original engagement. It now includes Section C, in which men who had converted a period of Colour service into Reserve service used to serve until the time when their correct date of transfer to the Reserve arrived, when they passed into Section B.

Section A consists of men who undertake during their first year of Reserve service a liability to be called out in certain circumstances without the general Reserve being mobilized. It was established by Royal Warrant of 8th October, 1898 (Army Order 142 of 1898).

Section D consists of men who, having completed the term of their original engagement (12 years), either with the Colours or in the Reserve, re-engage (or re-enlist) for a further period of four years in the Reserve. It is only opened when required and was closed for all arms from 1st October, 1906, to 1st July, 1907, and was then re-opened for all arms. (Established by Royal Warrant, 21st March, 1883—Clause 62, Army Circulars, 1883.)

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TABLE 7.—YEARS in which the engagements of the Men composing the Army Reserve on the 1st October, 1907, will expire.

—	Men of Sections A and B. During periods from 1st October to 30th September.												Men of Section D. During periods from 1st October to 30th September.						
																	2nd Engagement.*		
	1907–8	1908–9	1909–10	1910–11	1911–12	1912–13	1913–14	1914–15	1915–16	1916–17	1917–18	Total.	1907–8	1908–9	1909–10	1910–11	1909–10	1910–11	Total.
Household Cavalry ..	25	17	17	9	9	3	6	2	—	—	—	88	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Cavalry of the Line ..	1,012	790	1,065	1,294	748	124	1,136	374	147	—	—	6,690	375	339	304	147	2	1	1,168
Royal Horse and Field Artillery..	947	1,093	1,228	1,191	791	278	1,286	1,568	723	2	1	9,108	322	331	347	114	2	1	1,117
Royal Garrison Artillery..	729	735	788	773	163	31	525	1,412	1,589	9	—	6,754	192	367	234	128	1	1	923
Royal Engineers	313	314	383	510	658	654	418	385	350	57	1	4,043	94	98	97	56	4	21	370
Foot Guards	497	795	1,015	1,016	1,043	795	735	626	749	9	1	7,281	224	158	159	119	1	1	662
Infantry of the Line ..	7,323	7,722	8,304	8,568	3,036	2,811	6,490	11,829	12,247	2	1	68,333	2,941	3,734	3,308	1,769	1	3	11,756
Army Service Corps ..	193	223	233	457	477	632	337	412	589	422	—	3,975	81	102	43	34	6	2	268
Royal Malta Artillery ..	147	122	34	73	58	7	2	—	—	1	—	444	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Royal Army Medical Corps	117	68	160	180	242	265	182	185	59	20	319	1,797	38	50	38	17	—	—	143
Army Ordnance Corps ..	20	19	33	24	27	19	43	37	39	6	—	267	14	5	9	11	1	7	47
Army Post Office Corps ..	1	—	44	14	71	—	—	—	—	—	—	130	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Army Veterinary Corps ..	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Arms	11,324	11,898	13,305	14,113	7,323	5,619	11,160	16,830	16,492	528	323	108,915	4,281	5,184	4,539	2,396	18	37	16,455

* Men of certain trades are allowed to re-engage for further periods of 4 years in Section D.

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PART XI.—MILITIA.

TABLE 1.—STATE of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom at the dates of the annual inspections of the several units during the year 1907, and strength of the CHANNEL ISLANDS and COLONIAL MILITIA.

MILITIA OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.	By Ranks.											By Arms.									
		Permanent Staff.					Militiamen.														
	Militia Officers.	Officers.	Warrant Officers.	Serjeants.	Trumpeters, Buglers, or Drummers.	Rank and File.	Serjeants.	Corporals, Bombardiers and 2nd Corporals.	Buglers.	Gunners, Drivers, Sappers, and Privates.	All Ranks.	English and Welsh Units.	Scottish Units.	Irish Units.	Total.	Royal Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	All Arms.
†Present at training ..	1,947	281	153	2,726	1,122	94	2,052	4,140	11	70,866	83,392	53,656	10,605	19,131	83,392	297	12,013	1,624	68,510	948	83,392
Absent—																					
With leave	275	6	2	40	5	1	168	254	—	4,758	5,509	3,874	686	949	5,509	9	791	189	4,451	69	5,509
Without leave ..	7	—	—	—	—	—	42	107	—	4,283	4,439	2,812	818	809	4,439	17	734	78	3,512	98	4,439
Total strength ..	2,229	287	155	2,766	1,127	95	2,262	4,501	11	79,907	93,340	60,342	12,109	20,889	93,340	323	13,538	1,891	76,473	1,115	93,340
Establishment ..	3,374	297	159	2,858	1,167	95	2,539	5,230	16	115,002	130,737*	85,544	15,914	29,279	130,737*	432	18,622	1,760	108,293	1,630	130,737*
Wanting to complete	1,145	10	4	92	40	—	277	729	5	35,095	37,397	25,202	3,805	8,390	37,397	109	5,084	—	31,820	515	37,397
Supernumerary ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	131	—	—	—
CHANNEL ISLANDS AND COLONIAL MILITIA.												Date for which strength is given :—									
Channel Islands Militia	89	8	8	84	2	—	110	185	37	2,398	2,921	1st July, 1907				—	612	142	2,080	87	2,921
Royal Malta Militia ..	53	4	2	36	16	8	59	65	—	1,540	1,783	1st October, 1907 ..				—	—	21	1,762	—	1,783
Bermuda Militia ..	7	—	—	4	—	—	8	20	4	169	212					—	212	—	—	—	212

N.B.—The above table, in detail for each unit in the United Kingdom, is given in the Militia Training Return for 1907 presented to Parliament.

* As provided for in Army Estimates.

† Including recruits drilling at depôts and trained recruits absent with leave.

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TABLE 2.—STRENGTH of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom at the dates of the inspections of the several corps in each year from 1898.

Year.	By Ranks.														By Arms.					
	Militia Officers.	Permanent Staff.					Militiamen.				All Ranks.	English and Welsh Units.	Scottish Units.	Irish Units.	Total.	Royal Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	All Arms.
		Officers.	Warrant Officers.	Sergeants.	Drummers, &c.	Rank and File.	Sergeants.	Corporals, Bombardiers and 2nd Corporals.	Buglers.	Privates.											
1898	2,815	282	6	3,024	1,159	—	2,252	4,886	—	99,015	113,439	73,659	13,684	26,096	113,439	—	16,886	2,098	94,114	341	113,439
1899	2,752	284	5	2,974	1,140	—	2,225	4,785	—	95,386	109,551	70,583	12,988	25,980	109,551	—	16,449	2,045	90,784	273	109,551
1900*	2,972	293	4	3,010	1,104	—	2,820	4,828	3	81,191	96,225	65,070	10,953	20,202	96,225	—	15,124	2,009	78,940	152	96,225
1901*	2,838	285	151	2,744	1,066	110	3,283	5,131	—	90,064	105,672	74,253	11,316	20,103	105,672	503	15,396	2,232	87,306	235	105,672
1902*	2,668	296	159	2,811	1,078	101	3,110	5,222	—	98,618	114,063	81,172	12,779	20,112	114,063	483	15,974	2,405	94,418	733	114,063
1903	2,765	301	162	2,806	1,086	91	2,468	4,782	—	91,503	105,964	74,290	11,914	19,760	105,964	434	15,222	2,471	87,095	742	105,964
1904	2,583	300	161	2,846	1,138	97	2,203	4,336	—	85,362	99,026	67,827	11,557	19,642	99,026	460	14,992	2,419	80,337	818	99,026
1905	2,460	296	162	2,851	1,134	95	2,150	4,230	1	83,224	96,603	64,892	11,615	20,096	96,603	428	14,909	2,504	77,881	881	96,603
1906	2,382	293	160	2,837	1,139	96	2,235	4,265	11	80,640	94,058	61,775	11,547	20,736	94,058	412	14,365	2,403	75,715	1,163	94,058
1907	2,229	287	155	2,766	1,127	95	2,262	4,501	11	79,907	93,340	60,342	12,109	20,889	93,340	323	13,538	1,891	76,473	1,115	93,340

* During the years 1900, 1901, and 1902, owing to the war in South Africa and there being no inspections, the strength on the 1st July is given.

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TABLE 3.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom (exclusive of Officers and Permanent Staff) during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1907, by Countries and by Arms.

—	Countries.			Arms.					Total.
	English Units.	Scottish Units.	Irish Units.	Royal Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	
Strength, 1st October 1906	54,914	10,239	18,567	231	12,428	2,063	68,001	997	83,720
INCREASE.									
Enlisted :—									
To drill on enlistment at Depôt	18,278	3,138	2,358	32	1,355	319	21,242	826	23,774
Preliminary drill and training	2,573	539	1,689	1	706	229	3,865	—	4,801
Re-enlisted	2,592	446	1,056	—	574	50	3,452	18	4,094
Joined from Desertion	480	148	111	8	114	26	585	6	739
Reverted from Reserve Division	14	1	7	—	1	—	21	—	22
Other causes (net) ..	—	—	—	3	19	—	—	—	—
Total Increase..	23,937	4,272	5,221	44	2,769	624	29,165	850	33,436
DECREASE.									
Died	230	73	94	2	70	6	313	6	397
Discharged :—									
On termination of engagement	5,470	782	1,317	39	1,018	204	6,282	26	7,569
As invalids	1,581	190	520	10	336	84	1,843	18	2,291
Recruits rejected after attestation	415	89	154	—	57	68	529	4	658
By purchase ..	3,167	402	363	24	300	65	3,417	126	3,932
On conviction of felony	491	85	84	1	83	15	466	5	570
For misconduct other than felony	311	111	103	1	68	7	438	11	525
Mis-statement as to age on attestation	139	67	120	—	6	—	312	8	326
Not likely to become efficient	133	14	40	—	44	2	140	1	187
For other causes ..	105	22	61	—	12	5	151	20	188
Total discharged	11,722	1,762	2,762	75	1,924	450	13,578	219	16,246
Struck off as Deserters and Absentees	3,102	998	895	17	718	102	4,073	85	4,995
Joined Regular Army	9,664	1,043	1,406	16	774	80	10,826	417	12,113
Joined Royal Navy and Royal Marines	574	7	65	—	25	4	579	38	646
Other causes (net) ..	406	4	12	—	—	383	56	5	422
Total Decrease ..	25,698	3,887	5,234	110	3,511	1025	29,425	770	34,819
Net { Increase ..	—	385	—	—	—	—	—	80	—
Net { Decrease ..	1,761	—	13	66	742	401	260	—	1,389
Strength, 1st October 1907	53,153	10,624	18,554	165	11,686	1,662	67,741	1077	82,331
Re-engaged during year	—	—	—	10	681	80	2,834	20	3,625

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each year from 1898.

	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1st Jan. to 30th Sept., 1903.	Years ending 30th Sept., 1904.	30th Sept., 1905.	30th Sept., 1906.	30th Sept., 1907.
Strength on the 1st day of each year ..	105,531	103,647	98,130	92,741	102,845	102,420	89,743	86,491	85,814	83,720
INCREASE.										
Enlisted { to drill on enlistment	31,008	31,659	34,188	33,732	35,597	18,756†	27,694	22,609	23,003	23,774
Enlisted { for preliminary drill..	9,100	8,994	3,665	3,912	5,889	7,018†	7,570	7,332	5,729	4,801
Re-enlisted..	2,019	2,012	1,342	1,212	2,986	3,623†	4,590	4,001	3,733	4,094
Joined from desertion	886	1,069	2,449	1,179	1,224	1,013†	1,160	1,053	707	739
Re-transfers from Regular Army ..	—	—	1,222*	3,537*	6,668*	29*†	—	—	—	—
Reverted from Reserve Division.. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	35	26	8	22
Other causes (net)	—	—	—	—	18	104†	—	9	—	—
Total increase	43,013	43,734	42,866	43,572	52,382	30,543†	41,049	35,030	33,180	33,430
DECREASE.										
Died	383	503	813	852	706	352†	425	369	392	397
Discharged—										
On termination of engagement	4,870	4,775	2,581	7,559	13,106	9,518†	10,714	7,740	8,383	7,569
As invalids	2,803	3,155	4,995	1,853	2,630	2,293†	2,529	2,554	2,506	2,291
Recruits rejected after attestation	710	877	578	444	816	933†	1,011	1,323	887	658
By purchase	10,266	11,793	1,830	1,607	3,712	6,793†	5,578	4,442	4,078	3,932
On conviction of felony ..	430	487	260	289	371	439†	563	523	508	570
For misconduct other than felony	348	332	516	479	497	434†	558	521	376	525
Misstatement as to age on attestation							361	335	260	326
Not likely to become efficient..	381	601	1,354	1,330	1,521	594†	210	468	261	187
For other causes									186	188
Total discharged	19,808	22,020	12,064	13,561	22,653	21,004†	21,524	17,906	17,445	16,246
Struck off as deserters or absentees ..	8,716	10,144	11,920	3,366	10,454	9,435†	6,704	4,999	4,402	4,995
Militia Reserve posted to Regular Army	—	2,156	12,203	89	—	—	—	—	—	—
Joined Regular Army	15,963	13,518	10,715	14,907	18,373	11,870†	14,932	12,103	12,409	12,113
Joined Royal Navy or Marines ..		722	247	666	621	559†	716	330	603	646
Other causes (net)	27	188	293	27	—	—	—	—	23	422
Total decrease	44,897	49,251	48,255	33,468	52,807	43,220†	44,301	35,707	35,274	34,819
Net { Increase	—	—	—	10,104	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net { Decrease	1,884	5,517	5,389	—	425	12,677†	3,252	677	2,094	1,389
						1st Oct., 1903	1st Oct., 1904	1st Oct., 1905	1st Oct., 1906	1st Oct., 1907
Strength on the 1st of following year ..	103,647	98,130	92,741	102,845	102,420	89,743	86,491	85,814	83,720	82,331

* Militia reserve on Demobilization.

† Figures for nine months only.

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TABLE 5.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the RESERVE DIVISION of the MILITIA during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1907.

	English and Welsh Units.	Scottish Units.	Irish Units.	Total.	Royal Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	All Arms.
Strength on 1st October, 1906 ..	5,879	995	909	7,783	49	528	51	7,138	17	7,783
INCREASE:—										
Enlistment from Royal Garrison Regiment ..	23	2	4	29	—	—	—	29	—	29
Other causes ..	179	14	10	203*	—	2	—	201	—	203*
Total increase ..	202	16	14	232	—	2	—	230	—	232
DECREASE:—										
Died	46	3	11	60	1	3	1	55	—	60
Discharged:— On termination of engagement	3,424	545	469	4,438	28	368	30	4,003	9	4,438
By purchase ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
For misconduct	2	—	3	5	—	—	—	5	—	5
As invalids ..	5	—	—	5	—	—	—	5	—	5
For other causes	10	2	1	13	—	—	—	13	—	13
Total discharged..	3,441	547	473	4,461	28	368	30	4,026	9	4,461
Struck off as deserters and absentees	36	8	6	50	—	9	1	39	1	50
Reverted to Militia	14	1	7	22	—	1	—	21	—	22
Other causes ..	8	—	1	9	—	1	—	8	—	9
Total Decrease..	3,545	559	498	4,602	29	382	32	4,149	10	4,602
Net { Increase ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net { Decrease ..	3,343	543	484	4,370	29	380	32	3,919	10	4,370
Strength on 1st October, 1907 ..	2,536	452	425	3,413	20	148	19	3,219	7	3,413
Re-engaged during year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	406*	—	406*

* 201 of these were men who had their discharges cancelled and were allowed to re-engage; they are included in the total shown as re-engaged during the year.

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TABLE 6.—AGES OF THE RECRUITS who joined the Militia of the United Kingdom during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1907 :—

Arm.	Ages of Recruits joined.											
	Under 17 years.	17 to 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	21 to 22 years.	22 to 23 years.	23 to 24 years.	24 to 25 years.	Over 25 years.	Not reported.	Total.
Royal Field Artillery ...	—	7	9	4	3	1	1	—	2	6	—	33
Royal Garrison Artillery...	47	318	358	253	174	151	136	116	149	359	—	2,061
Royal Engineers	3	63	85	38	29	29	32	27	35	207	—	548
Infantry	413	9,701	7,563	2,658	1,403	759	577	524	481	1,028	—	25,107
Royal Army Medical Corps	4	241	263	100	46	34	25	20	19	74	—	826
Total ...	467	10,330	8,278	3,053	1,655	974	771	687	686	1,674	—	28,575

TABLE 7.—SERVICES OF THE MEN (exclusive of Permanent Staff) who were struck off as Deserters or Absentees from the Militia of the United Kingdom during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1907 :—

Arm.	Under 3 months' service.	3 and under 6 months' service.	6 and under 9 months' service.	9 and under 12 months' service.	1 and under 2 years' service.	2 and under 3 years' service.	3 and under 4 years' service.	4 and under 5 years' service.	5 years' service and upwards.	Total struck off.	Rejoined from desertion.	Net loss from desertion.
Royal Field Artillery ...	1	1	—	—	4	3	1	2	5	17	8	9
Royal Garrison Artillery...	107	31	40	35	145	120	87	61	92	718	114	604
Royal Engineers	26	4	13	—	20	9	15	7	8	102	26	76
Infantry	540	328	348	371	751	482	434	304	515	4,073	585	3,488
Royal Army Medical Corps	7	2	11	23	15	12	5	5	5	85	6	79
Total	681	366	412	429	935	626	512	379	625	4,995	739	4,256

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TABLE 8.—NUMBER of COURTS-MARTIAL and NUMBER of MEN TRIED during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1907, in the MILITIA of the United Kingdom (including the Permanent Staff).

Arm.	Number of Men tried.				Number of Trials.			
	Once.	Twice.	Three times.	Total.	General Courts-Martial.	District Courts-Martial.	Regimental Courts-Martial.	Total.
Royal Field Artillery ..	3	—	—	3	—	2	1	3
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	14	—	—	14	—	7	7	14
Royal Engineers	24	—	—	24	—	13	11	24
Infantry	259	4	—	263	—	186	81	267
Royal Army Medical Corps..	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1
Total	301	4	—	305	—	209	100	309

TABLE 9.—NUMBER of MEN of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom FINED for DRUNKENNESS and the NUMBER of FINES inflicted during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1907.

Arm.	Number of Men Fined.							Number of Fines Inflicted.
	Once.	Twice.	Three times.	Four times.	Five times.	Six times.	Total.	
Royal Field Artillery ..	5	—	—	—	—	—	5	5
Royal Garrison Artillery	228	16	2	—	—	—	246	266
Royal Engineers ..	65	15	2	—	—	—	82	101
Infantry	1,209	133	40	12	3	1	1,398	1,664
Royal Army Medical Corps	8	1	—	—	—	—	9	10
Total.. ..	1,515	165	44	12	3	1	1,740	2,046

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TABLE 10.—OFFENCES for which the MEN (including the Permanent Staff) of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom were tried by COURT-MARTIAL, during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1907, showing number of acquittals, &c., and the PUNISHMENTS inflicted.

—	Royal Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	All Arms.
Number of Courts-Martial	3	14	24	267	1	309
OFFENCES FOR WHICH THE MEN WERE TRIED.						
Mutiny	—	—	—	—	—	—
Desertion	1	1	—	46	1	49
Fraudulent Enlistment	—	—	2	19	—	21
Offences in relation to Enlistment	—	2	1	6	—	9
Violence and Disobedience to Superiors ..	—	—	7	32	—	39
Minor Insubordination and Neglect of Orders	—	5	3	25	—	33
Quitting or Sleeping on Post	—	—	—	—	—	—
Drunk on Duty..	—	1	1	24	—	26
Drunkenness	—	5	5	38	—	48
Disgraceful Conduct	1	—	—	5	—	6
Absence without Leave..	1	4	9	42	—	56
Loss of Equipment, Clothing or Necessaries..	—	3	—	32	1	36
Wilfully injuring Public Property or Equipment	—	—	—	2	—	2
Civil Offences	—	—	2	4	—	6
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	40	—	40
Total of Offences	3	21	30	315	2	371
Acquitted	—	1	—	7	—	8
Pardoned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sentence wholly remitted	—	—	—	4	—	4
Sentence quashed	—	1	—	7	—	8
PUNISHMENTS INFLICTED.						
Penal Servitude..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Reduction to a lower grade or to the Ranks..	1	8	10	80	—	99
Reduction and Imprisonment..	—	—	—	3	—	3
Reduction and Detention	—	—	3	7	—	10
Stoppages, Fine, or Forfeiture without other Punishment	—	—	—	7	—	7
Imprisonment with or without Hard Labour	2	1	2	23	—	28
Detention	—	3	9	129	1	142
Discharged with Ignominy without other Punishment	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total of Punishments inflicted ..	3	12	24	249	1	289

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TABLE 11.—YEARS in which the Engagements will expire of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN (exclusive of the Permanent Staff) of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom serving on 1st October, 1907.

Arm.	Year from 1st October to 30th September						Total.
	1907–1908.	1908–1909.	1909–1910.	1910–1911.	1911–1912.	1912–1913.	
Royal Field Artillery	32	31	40	32	21	9	165
Royal Garrison Artillery..	1,890	2,311	2,389	2,452	1,370	1,274	11,686
Royal Engineers	152	236	249	394	268	363	1,662
Infantry	9,626	9,766	11,777	12,265	9,758	14,549	67,741
Royal Army Medical Corps	86	65	136	134	244	412	1,077
Total	11,786	12,409	14,591	15,277	11,661	16,607	82,331

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TABLE 12.—AGES of Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Militia of the United Kingdom (exclusive of the Permanent Staff), on 1st October, 1907.

Age.	Royal Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Total—All Arms.
Under 18	2	180	33	4,533	95	4,843
18 and under 19	3	392	79	7,444	215	8,133
19 „ 20	10	409	70	6,367	144	7,000
20 „ 21	7	504	80	5,623	113	6,327
21 „ 22	10	587	78	5,496	84	6,255
22 „ 23	14	667	69	5,043	80	5,873
23 „ 24	18	645	88	4,391	78	5,220
24 „ 25	8	627	80	3,362	42	4,119
25 „ 26	16	595	84	2,837	26	3,558
26 „ 27	10	584	83	2,456	18	3,151
27 „ 28	8	581	69	2,091	16	2,765
28 „ 29	6	501	97	1,677	19	2,300
29 „ 30	5	467	105	1,567	14	2,158
30 „ 35	23	2,169	369	6,397	63	9,021
35 „ 40	19	1,558	188	4,574	51	6,390
40 and upwards	6	1,220	90	3,883	19	5,218
Total	165	11,686	1,662	67,741	1,077	82,331

RESERVE DIVISION.

25 and under 30	—	—	—	5	—	5
30 „ 35	—	10	1	178	—	189
35 „ 40	7	43	4	949	3	1,006
40 „ 45	11	66	11	1,577	3	1,668
45 „ 50	2	29	3	510	1	545
Total	20	148	19	3,219	7	3,413

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TABLE 13.—AGES of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom in each year from 1899, and of the Reserve Division since its formation in 1903. (Permanent Staff included in years 1899 to 1903 and excluded from 1904.)

—	1899 (1st Jan.).	1900 (1st Jan.).	1901 (1st Jan.).	1902 (1st Jan.).	1903 (1st Jan.).	1905 (1st Oct.).	1904 (1st Oct.).	1905 (1st Oct.).	1906 (1st Oct.).	1907 (1st Oct.).	—
Under 17	782	831	737	663	480	7,892	8,486	5,524	4,537	4,843	under 17.
17 and under 18	8,496	7,965	7,179	7,113	9,310						17 and under 18.
18 ,, 19	13,441	11,641	11,204	12,607	13,480	9,882	9,815	9,487	8,168	8,133	18 ,, 19.
19 ,, 20	12,876	10,954	11,690	11,595	11,120	9,275	8,154	8,173	7,251	7,000	19 ,, 20.
20 ,, 21							7,091	6,748	6,820	6,327	20 ,, 21.
21 ,, 22							6,793	6,829	6,532	6,255	21 ,, 22.
22 ,, 23	24,726	21,921	18,101	29,143	32,752	31,625	6,538	6,482	6,366	5,873	22 ,, 23.
23 ,, 24							5,304	5,589	5,683	5,220	23 ,, 24.
24 ,, 25							3,903	4,393	4,476	4,119	24 ,, 25.
25 ,, 26							3,246	3,552	3,589	3,558	25 ,, 26.
26 ,, 27							2,791	2,820	3,251	3,151	26 ,, 27.
27 ,, 28	17,917	16,788	12,292	14,837	15,129	13,426	2,337	2,559	2,630	2,765	27 ,, 28.
28 ,, 29							2,267	2,168	2,263	2,300	28 ,, 29.
29 ,, 30							2,119	2,116	1,999	2,158	29 ,, 30.
30 ,, 31							1,984	2,041	2,064		30 ,, 31.
31 ,, 32							1,849	1,898	1,813		31 ,, 32.
32 ,, 33	14,904	14,027	10,871	11,189	11,333	10,077	1,759	1,809	1,828	9,021	32 ,, 33.
33 ,, 34							1,626	1,702	1,798		33 ,, 34.
34 ,, 35							1,498	1,733	1,682		34 ,, 35.
35 ,, 36							1,310	1,502	1,557		35 ,, 36.
36 ,, 37							1,213	1,208	1,319		36 ,, 37.
37 ,, 38							1,047	1,211	1,181	6,390	37 ,, 38.
38 ,, 39	14,611	13,140	10,855	13,111	12,741	11,657	1,019	1,180	1,092		38 ,, 39.
39 ,, 40							923	1,123	1,050		39 ,, 40.
40 and over							3,416	3,967	4,771	5,218	40 and over.
Not reported	—	4,898	13,691	6,616	—	—	—	—	—	—	Not reported.
Total	107,753	102,165	96,620	106,874	106,345	93,834	86,488	85,814	83,720	82,331	—
RESERVE DIVISION.											
25 and under 30	—	—	—	—	—	311	245	97	41	5	25 and under 30.
30 ,, 35	—	—	—	—	—	770	1,001	872	772	189	30 ,, 35.
35 ,, 40	—	—	—	—	—	2,254	2,950	2,844	2,575	1,006	35 ,, 40.
40 ,, 45	—	—	—	—	—	1,536	2,101	2,962	3,238	1,668	40 ,, 45.
45 and over	—	—	—	—	—	181	185	882	1,157	545	45 and over.
Total	—	—	—	—	—	5,052	7,082	7,657	7,783	3,413	—

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TABLE 14.—NATIONALITIES of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN (exclusive of the Permanent Staff) of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom on the 1st October, 1907.

Arm.	Country to which corps belongs.	Born in England.			Born in Scotland.			Born in Ireland.			Born in India or the Colonies.	British Subjects born in Foreign Countries.	Total.
		In County for which Enlisted.	Elsewhere.	Total.	In County for which Enlisted.	Elsewhere.	Total.	In County for which Enlisted.	Elsewhere.	Total.			
Royal Field Artillery	England ..	136	13	149	—	—	—	—	14	14	1	1	165
Royal Garrison Artillery ..	England ..	3,342	1,805	5,147	—	59	59	—	203	203	17	2	5,428
	Scotland ..	—	73	73	1,522	417	1,939	—	185	185	8	1	2,206
	Ireland ..	—	43	43	—	22	22	3,539	441	3,980	7	—	4,052
	Total ..	3,342	1,921	5,263	1,522	498	2,020	3,539	829	4,368	32	3	11,686
Royal Engineers ..	England ..	718	802	1,520	—	16	16	—	120	120	4	2	1,662
Infantry ..	England ..	35,436	8,667	44,103	—	377	377	—	719	719	91	27	45,317
	Scotland ..	—	247	247	5,870	1,740	7,610	—	367	367	15	3	8,242
	Ireland ..	—	122	122	—	58	58	10,772	3,214	13,986	15	1	14,182
	Total ..	35,436	9,036	44,472	5,870	2,175	8,045	10,772	4,300	15,072	121	31	67,741
Royal Army Medical Corps	England ..	421	139	560	—	1	1	—	13	13	7	—	581
	Scotland ..	—	13	13	143	18	161	—	2	2	—	—	176
	Ireland ..	—	9	9	—	10	10	277	22	299	2	—	320
	Total ..	421	161	582	143	29	172	277	37	314	9	—	1,077
All Arms	England ..	40,053	11,426	51,479	—	453	453	—	1,069	1,069	120	32	53,153
	Scotland ..	—	333	333	7,535	2,175	9,710	—	554	554	23	4	10,624
	Ireland ..	—	174	174	—	90	90	14,588	3,677	18,265	24	1	18,554
	Total ..	40,053	11,933	51,986	7,535	2,718	10,253	14,588	5,300	19,888	167	37	82,331

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TABLE 15.—SERVICES of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Militia (excluding the Permanent Staff) on 1st October, 1907.

Service.	Royal Field Artillery.	Royal Garrison Artillery.	Royal Engineers.	Infantry.	Royal Army Medical Corps.	Total.
Under 1 year	12	1,525	369	16,106	460	18,472
1 year and under 2 years ..	26	1,292	231	9,015	237	10,801
2 years " 3 " ..	25	1,475	280	7,593	91	9,464
3 " " 4 " ..	35	1,499	198	8,069	84	9,885
4 " " 5 " ..	22	1,180	204	6,074	43	7,523
5 " " 6 " ..	20	1,166	130	6,385	113	7,814
6 " " 7 " ..	10	510	53	2,182	17	2,772
7 " " 8 " ..	3	448	48	2,203	11	2,713
8 " " 9 " ..	4	460	24	1,955	6	2,449
9 " " 10 " ..	3	361	23	1,668	5	2,060
10 " " 11 " ..	2	284	15	978	—	1,279
11 " " 12 " ..	—	237	12	733	2	984
12 " " 13 " ..	—	208	8	571	—	787
13 " " 14 " ..	—	178	17	719	6	920
14 " " 15 " ..	—	137	12	562	—	711
15 " " 16 " ..	—	115	10	405	—	530
16 " " 17 " ..	2	108	3	325	1	439
17 " " 18 " ..	—	91	3	411	—	505
18 " " 19 " ..	—	67	7	277	—	351
19 " " 20 " ..	1	52	5	217	—	275
20 " " 21 " ..	—	49	4	238	—	291
21 " " 22 " ..	—	71	1	302	1	375
22 " " 23 " ..	—	33	—	154	—	187
23 " " 24 " ..	—	29	—	133	—	162
24 years and over	—	111	5	466	—	582
Total	165	11,686	1,662	67,741	1,077	82,331

N.B.—These services include all Militia Service, whether broken or continuous, but no regular service.

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TABLE 16.—RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN (exclusive of the Permanent Staff) of the MILITIA of the United Kingdom, on 1st October, 1907.

Arm.	Country.	Church of England.	Presbyterians.	Wesleyans.	Baptists or Congregationalists.	Other Protestants not included in the foregoing.	Roman Catholics.	Jews.	Total.
Royal Field Artillery	England ..	83	1	2	1	—	77	1	165
Royal Garrison Artillery	England ..	3,934	71	182	113	73	1,052	3	5,428
	Scotland ..	109	1,115	14	2	5	961	—	2,206
	Ireland ..	358	132	6	3	1	3,552	—	4,052
	Total ..	4,401	1,318	202	118	79	5,565	3	11,686
Royal Engineers	England ..	836	15	68	62	3	678	—	1,662
Infantry	England ..	34,566	210	1,770	480	293	7,943	55	45,317
	Scotland ..	342	5,347	13	16	—	2,523	1	8,242
	Ireland ..	1,615	425	36	10	7	12,039	—	14,182
	Total ..	36,523	5,982	1,819	506	300	22,555	56	67,741
Royal Army Medical Corps	England ..	464	5	29	7	7	69	—	581
	Scotland ..	12	128	—	4	—	30	2	176
	Ireland ..	59	39	1	—	5	216	—	320
	Total ..	535	172	30	11	12	315	2	1,077
All Arms	England ..	39,883	302	2,051	663	376	9,819	59	53,153
	Scotland ..	463	6,590	27	22	5	3,514	3	10,624
	Ireland ..	2,032	596	43	13	13	15,857	—	18,554
	Total ..	42,378	7,488	2,121	698	394	29,190	62	82,331

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TABLE 17.—SERVICES of the NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and MEN of the PERMANENT STAFF of the AUXILIARY FORCES on the 1st October, 1907.

Arm.	Under 1 year.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	5 to 6 years.	6 to 7 years.	7 to 8 years.	8 to 9 years.	9 to 10 years.	10 to 11 years.	11 to 12 years.	12 to 13 years.	13 to 14 years.	14 to 15 years.	15 to 16 years.	16 to 17 years.	17 to 18 years.	18 to 19 years.	19 to 20 years.	20 to 21 years.	21 to 22 years.	22 to 23 years.	23 to 24 years.	24 years and upwards.	Pensioners and Men on Militia engagement.†	Total.
Imperial Yeomanry ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	1	13	14	27	32	25	27	37	15	22	70	...	288
Royal Field Artillery—																											
Militia	...	4	1	3	13	7	22	23	5	6	3	2	3	5	2	2	1	5	4	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	114
Royal Garrison Artillery—																											
Militia	11	15	17	17	14	4	11	5	4	13	8	31	35	49	51	53	46	32	34	50	43	9	3	6	1	10	572
Volunteers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	8	21	28	40	54	65	51	11	7	6	10	1	304
Total	11	15	17	17	14	4	11	5	4	13	8	31	36	50	59	74	74	72	88	115	94	20	10	12	11	11	876
Royal Engineers—																											
Militia	...	2	2	2	...	1	...	...	1	...	2	...	1	4	1	1	4	7	6	6	5	1	4	2	7	2	61
Volunteers	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	1	5	4	6	6	12	6	7	6	4	11	5	8	10	4	1	2	3	...	107
Total	...	2	2	2	...	2	5	1	6	4	8	6	13	10	8	7	8	18	11	14	15	5	5	4	10	2	168
Infantry—																											
Militia	41	57	41	27	41	35	30	28	33	47	56	81	123	183	248	295	267	273	246	261	242	126	103	61	148	42	3,135
Volunteers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	7	5	30	50	85	101	125	142	139	133	95	324	6	1,246
Total	41	57	41	27	41	35	30	28	33	47	56	83	125	190	253	325	317	358	347	386	384	265	236	156	472	48	4,381
Royal Army Medical Corps—																											
Militia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	2	6	3	1	1	2	3	...	3	3	...	29
Volunteers*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	3	5	1	8	7	4	5	6	...	45*
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	3	11	6	6	2	10	10	4	8	9	...	74
Hon. Artillery Company	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	4
Bermuda V.R.C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
All Arms—																											
Yeomanry	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	1	13	14	27	32	25	27	37	15	22	70	...	288
Militia	52	78	61	49	68	47	63	56	43	66	69	114	163	242	305	353	324	320	291	320	293	139	110	72	159	54	3,911
Volunteers	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	1	5	4	6	8	17	14	20	59	87	141	105	199	211	163	145	108	344	7	1,710
Total	52	78	61	49	68	48	68	57	43	70	75	122	181	260	326	425	425	488	488	544	531	339	270	202	573	61	5,909

* Includes the Permanent Staff of Volunteer Infantry Brigade Bearer Companies (independent Companies).
† All the men are serving on Line engagements, except those given in this column.

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PART XII.—IMPERIAL YEOMANRY.

TABLE 1.—STATE of the IMPERIAL YEOMANRY at the dates of the annual inspections of the several corps during the year 1907.

—	Yeomanry Officers.	Permanent Staff.		Yeomen.			All Ranks.	All Ranks.			
		Officers (Adjutants).	Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Trumpeters.	Rank and File.		English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Total.
Present at inspection ..	1,089	57	286	1,904	345	19,790	23,471	18,977	3,674	820	23,471
Absent from inspection :											
With leave	182	1	3	124	16	1,457	1,783	1,431	262	90	1,783
Without leave ..	1	—	—	1	2	285	289	214	46	29	289
Total strength	1,272	58	289	2,029	363	21,532	25,543	20,622	3,982	939	25,543
Establishment as provided for in Army Estimates ..	1,538	58	290	2,146	464	23,142	27,638	22,372	4,314	952	27,638
Wanting to complete ..	266	—	1	117	101	1,610	2,095	1,750	332	13	2,095
Supernumerary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

N.B.—This table in detail for each corps is given in the Annual Return of Imperial Yeomanry Training presented to Parliament.

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TABLE 2.—STRENGTH of the IMPERIAL YEOMANRY* at the dates of the annual inspections of the several corps in each year from 1898.

Year.	Yeomanry Officers.	Permanent Staff.		Yeomen.			All Ranks.	All Ranks.			
		Officers. (Adjutants).	Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Trumpeters.	Rank and File.		English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Total.
1898	628	19	147	886	190	8,337	10,207	9,277	930	—	10,207
1899	635	19	148	905	184	8,223	10,114	9,234	880	—	10,114
1900	536	18	125	848	170	8,450	10,147†	9,321	826	—	10,147†
1901	680	35	158	993	174	11,161	13,201†	12,194	1,007	—	13,201†
1902	939	50	243	1,488	289	18,831	21,840†	19,949	1,891	—	21,840†
1903	1,180	57	284	1,742	324	22,785	26,372	22,126	3,790	456	26,372
1904	1,232	57	289	1,835	356	23,619	27,388	21,999	4,487	902	27,388
1905	1,240	58	288	1,913	385	21,457	25,341	20,267	4,142	932	25,341
1906	1,226	57	288	1,985	382	21,617	25,555	20,553	4,083	919	25,555
1907	1,272	58	289	2,029	363	21,532	25,543	20,622	3,982	939	25,543

* The title of the force was changed from Yeomanry Cavalry to Imperial Yeomanry by Royal Warrant dated 15th April, 1901 (Army Order 109 of 1901).
† Exclusive of the Imperial Yeomanry in South Africa (who were serving on *Army* engagements).

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TABLE 3.—INCREASE and DECREASE of the IMPERIAL YEOMANRY (exclusive of Officers and Permanent Staff) during the twelve months ending 30th September, 1907.

—	Yeomen.			
	English Regiments.	Scottish Regiments.	Irish Regiments.	Total.
Strength on 1st October, 1906	19,162	3,730	844	23,736
INCREASE:—				
Enlisted	4,156	870	276	5,302
Re-enlisted	65	3	50	118
Joined from desertion ..	9	—	2	11
Other causes	2	—	—	2
Total Increase ..	4,232	873	328	5,433
DECREASE:—				
Died	50	8	2	60
Discharged—				
On termination of engagement	3,066	757	272	4,095
As invalids	63	6	—	69
Recruits rejected after attestation	—	—	—	—
Mis-statement as to age on enlistment ..	1	—	—	1
By purchase	544	61	27	632
On conviction of felony	3	—	—	3
For misconduct other than felony	6	2	1	9
For other causes ..	33	2	—	35
Total discharged ..	3,716	828	300	4,844
Struck off as deserters ..	228	21	19	268
Joined { Regular Army ..	50	11	—	61
Joined { Royal Navy and Marines ..	10	—	—	10
Other causes	4	3	—	7
Total Decrease ..	4,058	871	321	5,250
Net Increase	174	2	7	183
Net Decrease	—	—	—	—
Strength on 1st October, 1907	19,336	3,732	851	23,919
Re-engaged during year ..	—	—	—	5,533

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IMPERIAL YEOMANRY.

TABLE 4.—AGES of the IMPERIAL YEOMANRY (exclusive of Officers and Permanent Staff) on the 1st October, 1907.

—	Total.
Under 17 years	4
17 and under 18 years ..	225
18 „ 19 „ ..	1,324
19 „ 20 „ ..	1,801
20 „ 21 „ ..	2,129
21 „ 22 „ ..	2,313
22 „ 23 „ ..	2,227
23 „ 24 „ ..	1,968
24 „ 25 „ ..	1,665
25 „ 26 „ ..	1,448
26 „ 27 „ ..	1,252
27 „ 28 „ ..	1,116
28 „ 29 „ ..	933
29 „ 30 „ ..	814
30 „ 35 „ ..	2,320
35 „ 40 „ ..	1,382
40 „ 45 „ ..	621
45 „ 50 „ ..	338
50 years and upwards ..	39
Total ..	23,919

TABLE 5.—PAST SERVICES of the IMPERIAL YEOMANRY (exclusive of Officers and Permanent Staff) on the 1st October, 1907.

—	Total.
Under 1 year	5,225
1 and under 2 years ..	5,273
2 „ 3 „ ..	3,634
3 „ 4 „ ..	2,572
4 „ 5 „ ..	2,513
5 „ 6 „ ..	1,920
6 „ 7 „ ..	932
7 „ 8 „ ..	494
8 „ 9 „ ..	193
9 „ 10 „ ..	182
10 „ 11 „ ..	186
11 „ 12 „ ..	121
12 „ 13 „ ..	91
13 „ 14 „ ..	83
14 „ 15 „ ..	94
15 „ 16 „ ..	71
16 „ 17 „ ..	42
17 „ 18 „ ..	56
18 „ 19 „ ..	49
19 „ 20 „ ..	43
20 „ 21 „ ..	34
21 „ 22 „ ..	30
22 „ 23 „ ..	26
23 „ 24 „ ..	25
24 years and upwards ..	120
Total	23,919

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PART XIII.—VOLUNTEERS.

TABLE 1.—STRENGTH of the VOLUNTEER FORCE by ARMS, 1st November, 1907.*

Arm.	Establishments (Army Estimates 1907–8).					Strength.						Special Qualifications.								Attended Camp (All Ranks, including Permanent Staff).	
				Permanent Staff.		Efficient.		Non-efficient.				Proficient.			Supply Duties.						
	Volunteer Officers.	Volunteers.	Total all Ranks, excluding Permanent Staff.	Officers.	Serjeants.	Vol. Officers.	Volunteers.	Vol. Officers.	Volunteers.	Total all Ranks, excluding Permanent Staff.	Permanent Staff.	Officers.	Serjeants.	Artillery or Tactics (Officers).	Officers.	N.C.O.'s and Men.	Present at Inspection (all Ranks, including Permanent Staff).	Mounted Infantry (included in Strength).	Cyclists (included in Strength).	Machine Guns.	For 15 days.	For 8 or 6 days only.
Royal Garrison Artillery	2,154	47,444	49,598	66	341	1,535	36,635	67	2,090	40,327	364	1,251	2,641	672	...	...	26,719	...	...	...	4,138	19,460
Royal Engineers—Field, Fortress, and Railway ...	735	17,288	18,023	21	104	534	13,916	42	734	15,226	121	406	902	77	...	...	11,453	...	...	...	20	10,371
Electrical Engineers	73	1,218	1,291	1	5	93	1,411	9	89	1,602	5	...	...	5	...	...	1,310	...	...	...	...	1,305
Infantry‡	7,830	250,149	257,979	226	1,265	5,969	176,923	283	5,135	188,310	1,466	5,022	11,414	1,008	61	61	133,501	1,344	10,338	260	577	117,029
Royal Army Medical Corps (Vols.) ...	210	3,704	3,914	4	21	125	3,276	8	60	3,469	25	110	284	...	2	20	2,438	...	67	...	426	1,534
Volunteer Infantry Brigade Bearer Cos. ‖	138	2,806	2,944	...	46	62	1,735	2	53	1,852	24	60	203	...	...	2	1,526	...	...	...	...	1,435
Total	11,140	322,609	333,749†	318	1,782	8,318	233,896	411	8,161	250,786†	2,005	6,849	15,444	1,762	63	83	176,947	1,344	10,405	260	5,161	151,134
Honourable Artillery Company ...	45	854	899	1	4	34	442	...	36	512	5	27	41	7	...	...	386	...	...	1	...	348
Bermuda Volunteer Rifle Corps ...	14	300	314	1	4	11	154	...	12	177	5	11	18	...	...	...	141	...	...	...	...	143

* The 1st November is the commencement of the Volunteer Year.
† Exclusive of Army Reservists supernumerary to the establishment of Volunteer Corps.
‡ Including, except as regards Establishments, the Bearer Companies which form part of Infantry units, and Cadets who are enrolled volunteers serving under the command of the O.C. the Cadet Corps under paras. 176–178 Volunteer Regulations.
‖ The establishment includes all bearer companies; the strength includes only independent bearer companies, companies which are borne on the strength of units of Infantry or R.A.M.C. Volunteers being included with those units.
N.B.—These figures in detail for each Corps are given in the Volunteer Annual Return presented to Parliament.

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TABLE 2.—TOTAL of all ARMS in VOLUNTEER FORCE in GREAT BRITAIN (including the Permanent Staff), on 1st November in each year since 1898. (The Honourable Artillery Company are not included.)

Year.	Establishment. All Ranks.	All Ranks.			Proficients.			Officers who have Passed in Tactics or Artillery.	Who have Passed in Signalling.		Who have Passed in Supply Duties.		Present at Inspection	Percentage of Efficients to Enrolled.	Percentage Present at Inspection to numbers Enrolled on 1st Nov. following.
		Efficient.	Non-Efficient.	Total.	Officers	Sergeants.	Total.		Officers.	Non-Com. Officers.	Officers.	Non-Com. Officers.			
1898	262,580	224,300	6,378	230,678	6,388	13,657	20,045	1,694	10	17	14	25	198,376	97·24	86·00
1899	263,416	223,921	5,933	229,854	6,476	13,638	20,114	1,816	9	18	14	21	196,756	97·42	85·60
1900	339,511	270,369	7,259	277,628	7,357	15,110	22,467	1,874	9	17	7	16	231,974	97·39	83·56
1901	342,003	281,062	7,414	288,476	7,574	15,593	23,167	1,971	16	99	7	17	242,103	97·43	83·93
1902	345,547	256,451	12,099	268,550	7,522	15,755	23,277	1,995	18	154	13	13	208,083	95·49	77·48
1903	346,171	242,104	11,177	253,281	7,107	15,651	22,758	1,921	20	204	15	19	195,508	95·59	77·19
1904	343,375	244,537	9,372	253,909	6,965	15,602	22,567	1,876	†	†	23	41	200,174	96·31	78·84
1905	341,283	241,549	8,062	249,611	6,888	15,525	22,413	1,800	†	†	43	60	187,221	96·77	75·01
1906	338,452	246,654	9,200	255,854	6,878	15,616	22,494	1,800	†	†	54	54	183,038	96·41	71·54
1907	335,849	244,211	8,580	252,791	6,849	15,444	22,293	1,762	†	†	63	83	176,947	96·61	70·00

† Since 1904 the Signalling qualification has been obtained regimentally.

N.B.—Members of Cadet Corps who are enrolled Volunteers, but who are for administrative purposes under the Officer Commanding the Cadet Corps, are supernumerary to the establishments given above, but are included in the strengths.

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